



COUNCIL TAX TO RISE FOR 5 YEARS

BY CARL JACKSON

RESIDENTS in part of Staffordshire are set to see their council tax bills rise for the next five years.

South Staffordshire Council chiefs want to levy a £5 increase from April and then again in 2019-20 – and they intend to increase it by 1.99 per cent in the three years which follow.

It means that by 2022-23 those living in a Band D property will be paying £17.06 more than they do currently.

It is to help the authority dig itself out of a £1.1 million black hole next year.

As well as raising their proportion of council tax, bosses will also raid the reserves.

The council was hit by the announcement that local authorities in Staffordshire had been rejected from a business rates retention scheme which would have reaped hundreds of thousands of pounds in extra income a year.

Council leader Brian Edwards vowed that services would be preserved. He said: "Due to the pressure of austerity, unfortunately we will have to increase council tax, although our council tax will still be the fourth lowest in the country for a district council.

Further

"It is one of the ways we have to balance the books. It is a fairly robust financial strategy we have for the next five years.

"We are keeping all of the services we have got – we are not cutting anything."

Councillor Edwards said he hoped Staffordshire councils would be reconsidered for the business rates scheme in 2019-20.

He added that income had also been boosted by the council's investment in about 150 commercial units in the district, pulling in revenue from rents, while stating that another unit was on the way at Four Ashes which would generate further income.

Councillor Edwards said: "We've always been very prudent in our use of our funds and spent wisely. We have the lowest council tax in Staffordshire by a long way. We keep a close eye on the figures."

The moves have been outlined in the council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Councillor Edwards' report, which went before this week's cabinet meeting, declared that the true state of the council's finances in the near future was unclear at this stage, because of the forthcoming change in how the Government will fund local authorities.

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JOHN, 76, HAS CLEAR WINDOW INTO RETIREMENT



John Butler, who is retiring as a window cleaner after 50 years, with son Gary, who is also a window cleaner

A VETERAN window cleaner from Cannock has put away his ladders and bucket for the last time – at the age of 76.

John Butler has spent more than half a century in the job but his son Gary will carry on the family tradition with his own business.

The sprightly grandfather-of-three has kept fit by swimming and working out at the gym five times a week for the last 16 years – a routine he plans to continue. He says he has never had joint problems or aches and pains despite continuing to use ladders instead of the modern pole system of window cleaning.

The price per house when he first started

out was half-a-crown (12p) compared with £7.50 today. He said the job that relied on people's honesty as far as payment was concerned but that the householders of Cannock, Chads Moor and Hednesford, where he plied his trade, always handed over the cash.

He also saw some saucy sights when cleaning upstairs windows, he laughs: "But that didn't stop me – I'd just carry on cleaning. I could write a book – but you don't tell, you keep those things to yourself." John, of Apollo Close, gave up his job in the building trade with Bryants to start up his business.

He introduced his son, now 49, to the busi-

ness when he was 13, picking him up from school and taking him on the round.

When Gary was 21, he set him up in his own business, with father and son operating separately. "It was Gary who said I shouldn't be climbing ladders at my age," John said.

Gary said: "I've just taken the work on from my dad as well. I'm trying to fit it all in with my business and trying to keep all of his customers happy too."

"Some of them have told me that I actually look like my dad from when he was younger – I'm the spitting image of him so it's like him from a few years ago coming back!"

POLICE

Driver held after pursuit on Chase

POLICE were led on a pursuit before they were able to arrest the fleeing driver.

Officers said the suspect, who was detained on Saturday, was wanted for 'various offences' and had driven recklessly over speed bumps.

They also seized the blue Volkswagen Golf on Cannock Chase which they said had been left 'badly damaged'. Cannock police tweeted: "Vehicle which failed to stop for Police on the Chase today has ended with driver detained and reported for various offences, car being seized and a big repair bill as badly damaged."

CRIME

Alert over theft of motorhomes

TWO motorhome thefts in the Cannock Chase district have put other owners on alert.

Staffordshire Police said one was taken from Rugeley and the other from Heath Hayes.

In both incidents the motorhome was parked outside the owner's address and the culprit did not require the keys. The force advised owners of such vehicles to review their security measures.

CONSULTATION

Meetings begin on library hours

CONSULTATION meetings over the best way to manage some of Staffordshire's libraries have begun.

Events at libraries include Cannock, January 23, 7-9pm; Lichfield, January 25, 3-6pm; and Rugeley, February 8, 3-6pm.

Among the options to be discussed are potentially using technology to maintain and extend opening hours with an automated service, and increasing the number of community managed libraries.

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Officers to get new improved cameras



'A highly effective tool'

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are issuing all of their 1,300 frontline officers with new personal-issue Body Worn Video (BWV) cameras.

The aim is to give them greater capability to record evidence and incidents while out on patrol. Staffordshire was the first police force in the country to use the technology, in 2012.

Assistant Chief Constable Nick Adelerley said: "BWV has proven to be a highly effective tool in gathering vital evidence and in securing guilty pleas from offenders, as well as delivering real time transparency of the actions

and decisions of those officers and staff who are wearing them.

"This is really important for both the officers and staff, as well as the community, as it allows for a greater level of accountability for our actions, therefore promoting confidence in the work that we do.

"As a pioneering force for this technology, we continue to develop and use this approach and are now in the process of replacing the 2012 issue cameras with a new model that will give our officers and staff greater capability in capturing evidence. The new cameras have

sharper images, enhanced sound quality and improved image capture at night."

Officers have praised the improved features that include a wider lens that can capture images at 145 degrees, increased battery life, and the ability to record footage on a 30-second loop.

Pc Sean Regan said: "The pre-record function is excellent as it gives me a tool to record spontaneous incidents as they occur. I've also found the cameras to be highly effective in gathering evidence when attending domestic incidents, as they capture the emotions and the voice of the victim."

Bus service to be axed after funding pulled

A BUS service has been axed after funding was pulled by businesses based at the i54 site.

The 154 has operated between Wolverhampton and Hednesford for the last three years after a consortium made up of firms on the i54 and Wolverhampton and Staffordshire councils agreed to provide the money to pay for the service.

But it has now emerged that the funding has been pulled due to the number of people using the services, meaning the 154 will stop running from February. The move has angered regular users of the service, with a petition signed by more than 200 people.

The petition can be viewed at change.org. National Express West Midlands said it had decided not to fund the services as it was 'not viable'. Commuters may be forced to get on Arriva buses instead but have complained that fares are more expensive.

The 54, a separate service which runs between Wolverhampton and Stafford, will continue but with changes to its timetable.

Popular

Regular bus user Mark Shipp, aged 45, of Cannock, said: "The passengers most affected will be ones in Hednesford and Featherstone, who will have no choice but to catch a more expensive alternative, and probably even two buses at that.

"The argument about it not being profitable seems implausible when you see how popular this service is. For some people this bus is the only one that goes anywhere near their place of work."

A National Express spokeswoman said: "The 154 service has always been privately funded. It is not viable for National Express West Midlands to run the 154 on a commercial basis. From February 4, 2018, customers travelling from Wolverhampton can use the number 4, which goes every 15 minutes, or the 6.

Staffordshire County Council's economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said: "Unfortunately passenger numbers have been relatively low north of the i54 South Staffordshire site."

All-singing, all-dancing panto fun



Emily Lake, left, as Alice Fitzwarren, Kayleigh McCabe as Tommy the Cat and Vicky Evans as Fairy Bow Bells

GET ready for singing, dancing and 'laughing your socks off' as a theatre group brings Dick Whittington to Cannock.

The fun pantomime, based on the life of wealthy merchant Richard Whittington and his cat, will be showing at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Church Street next

week. The all-singing, all-dancing production by Cannock Chase Drama Society is set to kick-start the new year in style.

Cannock Chase Drama Society has been running since 1945 and stages plays, musicals, pantomimes and concerts throughout the year. Dick Whittington will be running

from Thursday, January 25 to Sunday, January 28. Showings are at 6.30pm on Thursday, 7.30pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday, and 2.30pm on Sunday.

Call the box office on 07968 757820 or the theatre on 01543 578762, or visit boxoffice.wlct.org

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Two men try to break in through Tesco roof

TWO people clambered onto the Tesco superstore in Heath Hayes and tried to break through the roof to get into the cash office.

Staffordshire Police have confirmed that CCTV cameras captured the shadows of two people.

The culprits failed to get into the store in Hayes Way, but the roof was left damaged.

Lydia Hooley, community engagement officer with the force, said: "We are appealing for witnesses following reports of an attempted burglary in the Heath Hayes area of Cannock on Monday evening, January 8.

"At around 10.30pm, two offenders have climbed onto the roof of the Tesco superstore in Hayes Way and made holes in the roof in an attempt to gain access to the cash office.

"We would urge anyone with any information, or anyone who saw suspicious persons in the area, to contact us on 101, quoting incident number 182 of 9 January.

"Alternatively please contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111."



The Tesco store in Heath Hayes

Search is on for army of carers

CARE companies in Staffordshire are looking to recruit an army of carers to help those eligible for help live independently for as long as possible in their homes.

Staffordshire County Council, in partnership with care companies across the county, has launched a recruitment campaign to encourage more people to think of a career in caring.

This year the council will be funding millions of hours of care to support people with day-to-day personal tasks.

The county council has also launched a stand-alone company Nexxus to recruit carers to help people get back on their feet as quickly as possible after a hospital stay. To find out more about the type of care roles available visit www.carecareerstaffordshire.org

Talk will be on war

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society will welcome National Memorial Arboretum guide Rod Lewis to their meeting on January 25 at 7.30pm. He will give a talk titled 'Shot at dawn: Traumatic events from WW1'. The venue is the Salem, in Cheslyn Hay.

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Friends of hospice go ahead with Light service

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles were able to go ahead with their Light up a Life service after the original event was postponed because of heavy snow.

The service was held on Sunday at St Luke's Church in Cannock where Books of Remembrance were available for viewing both before and after the event. Rev Steve Reynolds led the service, and local choir Bel Canto again provided music.

For the time of remembrance, the lights in the church were switched off, leaving the building lit only by the candles everyone held.

After the silence, Bel Canto began to softly sing 'Light A Candle' followed by 'Abide with Me', and the congregation joined in as the lights in the church were switched on again.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling read from the Bible, and Trish Mellor of the Friends read a poem titled 'Remember Me'. At the end of the service everyone was given a bookmark on which the poem was printed.

Dr Robert Horton, a trustee of St Giles Hospice, thanked everyone for the part they had played in providing such a wonderful experience.

After the service refreshments were provided and served by members of the Cannock Friends group.

Chairman Janette Arrowsmith said: "Cannock Friends of St Giles are totally committed to this event, it means so much to so many people."

MP tells of how hospital copes

AN MP has highlighted how a Staffordshire hospital helped manage winter NHS pressures.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, speaking in a debate in Parliament, said no elective surgery had been cancelled at Cannock Chase Hospital, despite the typical winter pressures on the NHS.

She said: "I visited Cannock Chase Hospital before Christmas and saw for myself the excellent facilities at the site for elective surgery and non-emergency procedures.

"As the hospital doesn't deal with medical emergencies, they are not affected during the winter in the same way as other hospitals.

"This means that elective surgery can carry on as normal."

Plea over dog bite

POLICE have appealed for information after a boy was bitten by a dog in St John's Drive on Hawkesyard Estate, Rugeley, on January 7. The small white dog was wearing a coat and was being walked by a young blonde girl.

Vets 'chip' in to reunite cat and owner



Jaden was found wandering the streets

A MISSING cat was reunited with its owner thanks to the animal's microchip – after they had been apart for TWO years.

Jaden was seen wandering the streets, apparently lost, and appearing to be losing weight.

"Some lovely clients of ours decided to take her in," said Sarah Sheppard, a veterinary surgeon at Donnachie and Townley in Rugeley.

"They brought her down to our Rugeley clinic for a health check and to check for a microchip.

"The prospect of reuniting her

with her owner looked good when her microchip scanned and a number of phone numbers were on her record."

Owners are encouraged to have their pets microchipped as a safe and permanent method of identification that increases the chances of them being traced. However, in Jaden's case, the numbers listed were all unobtainable when staff tried to trace her owner, leaving them with just the email address on her record.

"The lovely couple took her home to care for her whilst we waited for a response," Ms Sheppard said. "A couple

of days passed until we had a response from an ecstatic owner – Mr Rae.

"Due to a change of circumstances, Mr Rae hadn't seen Jaden in two years, and was over the moon to know she was safe, and came to collect her as soon as possible. Jaden recognised him immediately and was soon purring away on her way home.

"She is now settled in very well and is being thoroughly spoilt.

"It was a privilege for our staff to be able to reunite the pair and would advise all cat owners to microchip their pets and keep the details up to date."

Town escapes increase in council tax contribution

HEDNESFORD town councillors have announced there will be no rise in council tax for residents this year – and for some people the rate will drop.

For Band D property owners the Hednesford Town Council element of their bill will fall six per cent to £26.72 per year. The news comes as councillors say 'difficult decisions' have had to be made due to 'general pressure' caused by the current economic climate.

Councillor Derek Davis, who chairs the finance committee, overseeing council tax rates, said: "The town council, like everyone else, has not been immune to increasing costs but due to careful financial management we have been able to avoid any increase in the precept which will remain at £137,500 for 2018-19.

"That works out at an average of just £10.40 a year for each elector – less than three pence a day," he added.

He said funds raised by the Hednesford element of the charge – known as the precept – would go to important community services.

Improved

He added: "Following on from the most successful community Christmas event in 2017 the town council is determined to ensure that this continues in the future and has, once again, agreed to meet the cost of providing the illuminations in 2018.

"In addition the improved and extended Pye Green Community Centre will be maintained to provide a first-rate venue for seminars and conferences, training events, dance groups, keep fit, martial arts, social dances, mothers and toddlers groups and a number of health services such as blood transfusion.

"The town council will also be supporting Citizen's Advice who have an outreach each Thursday morning at the centre.

"We continue to see improvements in Hednesford town centre. The town remains unique in that it is the only one in the area that has free car parking. This is only possible because the town council pays £23,000 a year for town centre CCTV which provides added safety and security for residents and visitors."



Councillor Brian Gamble in Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, where speeding drivers are causing concern

Calls for action on speeding danger

COUNCILLORS in Hednesford are calling for action over 'dangerous and inconsiderate' motorists.

They say speeding drivers are putting safety at risk while thoughtless motorists are parking without considering residents' needs – all in Bradbury Lane.

The problems are happening despite speed bumps, while parking issues have arisen due to the popularity of the new 5's sports centre.

Now the councillors are urging police to step in to halt the speeding problems and are investigating the parking problem.

Councillor Brian Gamble said: "People are driving at a dreadful speed. This can't continue. This is an accident waiting to happen."

Councillor Sheila Cartwright said more consideration was needed by visitors to 5's when parking there.

Hednesford Town Council has asked Staffordshire Police for assurances they can step up measures.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Caller in 'iTunes vouchers' fiddle

A RESIDENT nearly purchased hundreds of pounds worth of iTunes vouchers after being duped in a cold-calling con.

Staffordshire Police have received reports from residents saying they have been called by a man claiming to be from Inland Revenue telling them they are in debt to the tune of £1,000.

He then says they can settle their balance by purchasing £300 worth of iTunes vouchers.

Lichfield PCSO Tracy Horton said one resident was about to buy the vouchers until a shopkeeper intervened. She said: "Luckily the shopkeeper knew about the scam."

Firm in call over plastic scrap ban

A CANNOCK company is calling for food manufacturers to address China's ban on the import of plastic scrap.

Advanta, based in Walkmill Lane, says businesses need to provide shoppers with alternatives to plastic.

Miguel Campos, export sales manager of the firm, which makes aluminium food-packaging, said: "It's not enough to pressure consumers to be mindful of what they throw away."

According to reports, the UK has shipped over 2.7 million tonnes of plastic scrap to mainland China and Hong Kong since 2012.

Birds will be the stars at museum

WILDLIFE enthusiasts will have a chance to learn about birds up close at an event in Hednesford this month.

Local experts will be on hand to share their stories of the birds that can be found on Hednesford Hills, and there will be demonstrations from the Chelmarsh Bird Ringers group.

As well as the birds, there will be the chance to meet experts from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, West Midlands Bird Club, and the World Owl Trust. The event is at the Museum of Cannock Chase, in Valley Road, on January 27 from 11am to 3pm.

Please keep up the giving, says charity

CHILDREN'S charity Barnardo's is calling for unwanted gifts to be donated to its shops in Staffordshire.

The charity cares for disadvantaged children and young people, such as those who live in poverty, care, are disabled or have suffered from sexual abuse.

Marie Williams, Barnardo's regional manager for retail operations said: "Barnardo's stores are dependent upon the public's kind donations."

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Hobson's Choice actors sought

AN amateur dramatic group is on the look out for actors for its next production. Wombourne Players also needs assistance with props for its production of the classic comedy Hobson's Choice by Harold Brighouse. The play is being staged in Wombourne Community Centre from May 16 to 19.

Director Richard Corser said: "We are short of three male actors for roles in the play - a foreman bootmaker ideally age range 40 to 60 and two younger actors."

England stars back good cause

ENGLAND stars Daniel Sturridge and Rio Ferdinand backed a charity event in memory of a promising student who died in a crash on the M6. More than £2,000 was raised at an event at Villa Park recently for the D.E.M.I Trust, set up by family members of Demi Nicholson, aged 21, who was killed on the M6 near Wednesbury last year.

Liverpool and England striker Daniel Sturridge, who is from Birmingham, sent a Liverpool shirt, while his family members attended. A champagne three-course meal for two was also donated by the restaurant of Rio Ferdinand, formerly of Man Utd.

College launches training scheme

A NEW management training scheme for graduates has been launched by City of Wolverhampton College.

The in-house graduate programme is aimed at young people who want to work in the further education sector in a management, leadership or teaching role. Applications must be received by Monday, February 5.

For more information or to apply for the graduate scheme go to www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/graduate-programme/ or call 01902 836000.

Drag queen TV star in one-woman show

A DRAG queen is set to bring her one-woman show to Birmingham. D.J. Pierce, better known by stage name Shangela, competed on season two of RuPaul's Drag Race but was sadly the first queen to be eliminated.

The star was brought back for season three to compete alongside the likes of Raja, Yara Sophia, Alexis Mateo and Manila Luzon. Shangela appears at the Glee Club on April 10.

Volunteers needed to try wellbeing app

PEOPLE in Staffordshire are being encouraged to help shape and design a healthy living app.

The My Kin wellbeing mobile phone application is being developed by technology company Sentimoto, with help from Staffordshire County Council.

The app helps people to 'self-assess' their health and well-being, using trusted NHS tools, and signpost them to appropriate local activities and organisations.

People will also be able to create their own support network to help motivate them to lead a healthier lifestyle. The latest version of the app now includes a location feature which will let users know about wellbeing activities in their local area.

Two trials of the app were carried out last year, with the feedback gathered from more than 100 users directly influencing changes. Now,

more people are being sought to use the app and provide feedback on how it should work.

Volunteers should be aged over 40, live in Staffordshire and have a mobile phone that runs Android applications.

Councillor Alan White, deputy leader and cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing at Staffordshire County Council, said: "One of our

key priorities is to help people lead healthier and happier lifestyles, and this new App will give people more choice and control in how they do this.

"Our Public Health team are working closely with the developer to make sure we get it right and that it has everything that people need to help them improve their health and well-being." For more details visit www.sentimoto.com/staffordshire-pilot/

Threat to thousands of jobs as Carillion crashes

By Simon Penfold

THOUSANDS of jobs hang in the balance as repercussions from the liquidation of Carillion spread far and wide.

Cabinet Office Minister David Lidington promised that the Official Receiver would investigate the conduct of directors in the months before the firm's collapse.

It followed a dramatic day on which: ● 19,500 UK workers, including 400 at the company's Wolverhampton HQ, were left waiting to see if they will find work with other companies in the Carillion break-up.

● Pensioners were reassured they would still get their retirement benefits, thanks to the Government's pensions 'lifeboat'.

● The Government promised 'uninterrupted delivery of public services' across Carillion's scores of public sector contracts.

The company, which is involved in major contracts in the road, rail and construction industries as well as defence, prisons and schools, has roots reaching back 115 years to the founding of Tarmac.

Staff turned up as normal at Carillion House on the city centre ring road following Monday's announcement.

The crash follows months of crisis and a string of profit warnings as losses topped £1 billion. Last-ditch talks at the weekend between government ministers and Carillion executives failed to secure a rescue deal.

Meanwhile, thousands of workers at Carillion's 7,000-strong chain of suppliers and sub-contractors are braced for the news that there is little money left to pay them.

Despite its £4.5bn turnover, the firm was weighed down by debts of more than £1.5bn.

Fears are growing that many suppliers may follow Carillion into collapse.

Make a date to share photographic skills



Jon Owen, of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust who is inspiring photographers to see their work in next year's calendar

PHOTOGRAPHERS of birds, bees, bats and trees have been invited to enter a competition to make up next year's Staffordshire Wildlife Trust calendar.

The organisation will select the best 12 wildlife and landscape photographs that are submitted to make up their calendar for 2019. The winners will get a free copy.

Photographs can be of anything from wildlife in back gardens to the countryside around the county but they must reflect a variety of seasons to be suitable for each month.

This year's calendar is made up of photographs of birds, deer, ladybugs, dragonflies and landscape shots.

Each photograph has to be landscape, and the last day to enter a submission is April 27. Jon Owen, press and social media officer at the trust, set up the competition.

The proceeds of the calendar will go towards supporting the trust. Throughout the year, they protect and enhance wildlife and wild places across Staffordshire.

Each photographer can send multiple photographs but no more than six. Mr Owen said: "We know there are many excellent photographers who love taking pictures of wildlife and landscapes across Staffordshire."

To enter, a form and email address can be found at www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/photographycomp

A5 shut for 14 hours as woman injured



The damage caused in the crash
Picture: Highways England

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after a crash involving a lorry shut part of the A5 for more than 14 hours.

The busy route was blocked near the junction with Vicarage Road close to junction 12 of the M6 following the incident on Monday. Highways officials tweeted images showing twisted barriers and damage caused in the collision between a car and lorry.

A 37-year-old woman from Telford suffered serious head injuries.

She was taken to Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital and was later said to be in a stable condition.

The woman was driving a white Suzuki Jimny compact 4x4 which was in collision with a white Mercedes articulated lorry. Police were called at around 9.35pm.

The A5 was closed in both directions between the M6 junction and A4601 Wolverhampton Road. It briefly reopened in the early hours northbound but was closed again to allow barrier repairs to be carried out.

Staffordshire Police are appealing for witnesses, and anyone with information that could assist in the investigation has been asked to contact them on 101 quoting incident 681 of 15 January.

Language lessons for youngsters

A BUSINESSWOMAN is to provide language lessons for children after setting up a new franchise business that teaches French and Spanish.

Tori Salmon, who lives in Rugeley, has opened a Kidslingo franchise, teaching French and Spanish to children from birth to the age of 11. The scheme will run in Rugeley, Cannock and Burntwood. Tori was previously an executive assistant at the International Compliance Association.

She said: "I love speaking French and Spanish and working with children, so setting up a Kidslingo franchise was the perfect opportunity for me. Learning a foreign language is so important and the earlier it is taught the better. I am passionate that language learning should always be fun for children of all ages."

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Meeting to highlight dementia awareness

THE Salvation Army will be holding a dementia awareness information session in Hednesford on Sunday.

The free one-hour session is open to the community to find out a little of what it is like to live with dementia.

Lee Highton-Nicholls, the Dementia Friends Champion for the session, said: "The Alzheimer's Society dementia friends sessions are great for raising awareness and giving a really practical way of beginning to understand a little about dementia."

"The Dementia Friends initiative is run to help make life better for people living with dementia in their communities. Coming to our one-hour session may begin to help you understand the challenges a person could face living with dementia. It's about inspiring people to take action and to support their local community."

Captain Kathryn Reynolds, local leader of The Salvation Army, said: "We are committed to growing awareness about dementia in Hednesford. We want to welcome people into our activities within the community." Sunday's session at 7 Anglesey Street starts at 3.15pm. Call 01543 426128.

There are 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to increase to over one million by 2025. There are now 40,000 people under the age of 65 with dementia.

More information is available at www.dementiafriends.org.uk

Bus drivers' treats given to homeless

BUS drivers at Arriva's Cannock depot gave up their annual Christmas treat, to ensure that less privileged people could feel the benefit of the company's seasonal goodwill.

For the second year running, the Cannock team donated their free Christmas lunches, provided as a 'thank you' by local bosses at Arriva, to the Good Shepherd Ministry in Wolverhampton, which offers help to the homeless and others in need.

The ingredients for the meals were collated by the Pit Stop café, at the Delta Way depot. This year's donation held even more significance, as the depot crew did so in the memory of driver Mick Szydlowski, who originally spearheaded the idea in 2016, but sadly passed away last year.

Ready to ramble

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a nine-mile moderate/strenuous walk from Stile Cop, Rugeley, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01889 271303. New walkers welcome.

Venues to raise a glass for Burns Night



The Black Watch Association Pipe Band

A FUNDRAISING Burns Night supper is being held for Katharine House Hospice next weekend.

The Friends of Katharine House is organising the event next Sunday, January 28, from 7.30pm at Chase Golf Club, Pottal Pool.

Tickets for the three-course meal are £37.50. The Black Watch Association Pipe Band and The Folkies will provide entertainment.

A tot of whisky or wine will be served on arrival. Recommended dress code is black tie/mess uniform. Kilts are welcome. For tickets

call 07772 095349 or 07708 662652, or email cfk2408@hotmail.com or riwm2@hotmail.com

Meanwhile, a popular Cannock venue is to host what it describes as 'the biggest Scottish party in the Midlands' to celebrate the birthday of national poet Robert Burns.

The Premier Suite, in High Green, is hosting several days of Scottish celebrations starting on Thursday, January 25, from 7pm with a whisky tasting night.

Free haggis, neeps and tatties will be served along with a selection of

more than 50 whiskies and live Scottish music. On Saturday, January 27, the annual Midlands Biggest Burns Night Scottish Party takes place, with a line-up of entertainment including pipers, highland dancers and a traditional Scottish duo.

On Sunday, celebrations continue with a Scottish themed family Sunday lunch, to include a magician, family photographer, Sunday roast and Scottish banquet. Dress code is smart casual or kilts or tartans. Price is £17.50, £5.95 or free for under-fives.

For tickets call 01543 572092.

Fury as 449-home plans return after seven years

PROPOSALS for a 449-home estate in Norton Canes have resurfaced seven years after development bosses approved the scheme.

Persimmon Homes and Bloor Homes secured permission in principle from Cannock Chase Council in 2011 to build at Norton Hall Lane.

But not a single brick has been laid since then, causing some locals in the area to assume it had fallen through or forget about it altogether, while those who have moved into the village afterwards were none the wiser.

Now, the latest part of the scheme, which sets out the proposed layout, has finally come forward, leaving the community baffled.

Dozens of residents turned up at Norton Canes Community Centre, with many believing they were there to cast their eye over a new development being unveiled by the developers.

But there were angry scenes when they were told the scheme had already been granted approval and will go ahead, although the latest reserved matters' application still needs to be agreed by the council's planning committee.

Frustrated

It has now emerged that the developers' initial proposal was not actually signed off by council officers until 2015 due to lengthy talks over some of the conditions.

Councillor John Preece, who represents Norton Canes, said: "A lot of the residents thought it was a new application that they could change and object to. The problem is, the developers have already got permission, all they needed to do was come up with a layout."

"The developers were there [last Tuesday] to talk about the plans, and I completely understand why residents were so frustrated."

"Unfortunately a lot of the meeting was dominated, justifiably, by the concerns around the original development."

The furore continued on social media afterwards. Nicky Moran posted on the Norton Canes and Heath Hayes Facebook page: "Just come out of the shambles of the planning meeting about the new housing estate. At 9pm it was getting more than a little rowdy so we left. What a waste of everybody's time."

City marks regiment milestone



On the march - the Band of the Mercian Regiment takes to the streets

MUSIC, marching and military spectacle filled the streets when the soldiers of the Mercian Regiment paraded through Lichfield to mark a special anniversary.

It was 10 years ago that the Prince of Wales took the salute in a ceremony marking the birth of a new Staffordshire regiment.

And on Saturday, hundreds of people lined the pavements to celebrate the milestone as the sol-

diers marched through the city before a service at the cathedral to lay up the colours of the former Third Battalion.

It was the first ceremonial parade for new regimental mascot Private Derby XXXII, a Swaledale ram, who headed the procession alongside the Band of the Mercian Regiment.

Behind them marched lines of soldiers in khaki brown, exercising the regiment's freedom of the city.

Also taking part were veterans from the Mercian Regiment Association and the Staffordshire Regiment Association, and Army Cadets.

The colour party carried the flags and standards of the former 3rd Battalion the Mercian Regiment, disbanded in 2014 as part of the Army's restructuring plans.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five useful points to spot cyber cons

ADVICE has been issued to help spot the signs of a possible cyber con.

Staffordshire Police have released a list of five giveaway factors. The first is for people to be aware that scammers often try to pose as well-known or trusted retailers, which included any messages sent to spam.

A second danger sign is a text message from an unrecognised phone number. The third piece of advice is that if something seems too good to be true, it more than likely is.

A fourth word of warning was to look out for spelling errors, and a fifth was to treat emails warning of spam from an email provider with suspicion.

JCB tractors used for snow clearing

A PAIR of tractors that rolled off the production line in Staffordshire have been helping to clear snow in the French Alps.

The two JCB Fastrac 4220s were deployed to carry out vital work through 6ft of compound snow at the Col du Lautaret - a mountain pass more than 6,700ft above sea level and a regular route of the Tour de France.

A JCB spokesman said: "Typically, farmers located in the Alps will use JCB Fastracs in the spring and summer for their primary role in agriculture."

Folk club to start line-up with duo

BURNWOOD Folk Club will kick-start their 2018 programme of events on Wednesday, January 24.

The free event at Ashmole Social Club in Meerash Lane, Hammerwich, will feature a headline performance from Brenig, a nationally renowned duo performing original material.

The stage will also be open to other performers to showcase their own acoustic music. The event will run from 8pm to 10.30pm and is hosted by club regulars The Redemption Brothers. For further information, visit facebook.com/burntwoodfolk

Businesses on marks for corporate games

MORE than 50 businesses and over 2,000 competitors will take part in the 2018 UK Corporate Games.

The tournament, which will feature 23 sports, runs from June 21 to 24 and is expected to boost Staffordshire's economy by more than £3 million.

It attracted more than 5,000 people the last time it was held, in 2015, and this year that number is expected to grow. Register on 01733 380888 or at www.corporate-games.com

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Can I help you? Yes I'm being robbed . . .

FOR those of you who thought the thin blue line had been getting a little too thin for comfort lately, here's something to gladden the heart.

Police in Lancashire say that by the end of the year people could soon have their own virtual bobby in the home.

The gadgets will not only make regular announcements about crime-fighting operations – which I am sure will never become irritating – they will also allow people to report crimes via voice-activated technology. Which means they can employ fewer call-handlers. Yippee.

Have the brains behind this ever used a voice-activated service? My credit card provider has just switched to one for bill payments, and let's say the results have been mixed. A call that previously took a couple of minutes "press two to pay your bill, enter your debit card number" ended up taking a quarter of an hour and four separate calls, probably in part because I don't speak hologram fluently.

Can you imagine how this might work in an emergency?

"Help, I'm being robbed!"
"Hello Rob, how may I help you?"
"A robber has a knife to my throat!"
"Yes, Rob, your wife is allowed to vote. Say 'yes' if you would like another service, if not, say 'I am done'."

At this rate, we're all well and truly done.

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ALSO facing a shortage of personnel is the British Army, which has also reverted to, shall we say, unconventional means, to fill the gap.

It's strange, because it only seems like a couple of years ago that the Army was making thousands of experienced, battle-hardened soldiers redundant, closing down the Staffordshire Regiment.

Anyway, the corporate whizzkids have decided that the old "Be the Best" recruitment slogan was outdated and elitist. Can't discriminate against people who don't want to be the best, can we?

As a replacement, the Army has come up with some soppy online videos that look a bit like the opening credits for the Generation Game during Bruce's second stint, circa 1990. They encourage would-be recruits to talk about their feelings, and say it's all right to cry if you're upset.

Brilliant. So next time the Argentinians, Putin, Isis, or whoever our enemies are these days decide they want another war, and deploy a load of hard nuts to blow our heads off, we retaliate with a group of people in touch with their emotional side.

They'll probably use It Ain't Half Hot Mum as a training video.

Gear up and sort out these tyre-bursting roads



Theresa May – the recent reshuffle was underwhelming but made a point



Tony Blair – a number of words sprang to mind, 'clever' was never one of them



Keir Starmer – looking anxious following announcement of rapist release?

Drivers in a hole as planning falls short

I CANNOT recall such a vicious crop of tyre-bursting, wheel-bending, suspension-cracking potholes on our roads as we have now. It must have something to do with hard frosts followed by heavy rain, plus the fact that no-one in authority ever seems to expect such weather in a British winter, let alone plan for it.

OUR changing language. Yes, I know it's a real word but I'd never heard it before. The God-botherer on Thought for the Day (Radio 4) referred to the faith of those who believe the end of the world is nigh. It is called Apocalypticism. Now, there's a real denture tester.

A READER who believes Brexit will never happen writes: "Brexit is merely a bar-room drunk's xenophobic fantasy . . . Remainers will prevail because we have common sense, truth, peace, patriotism and the social good as our arguments." And humility. Don't forget the humility.

THE anti-Brexit movement, led by Lord Adonis, Gina Miller, Tony Blair and the others, is based on the unspoken, but heavily implied, belief that these people are much cleverer than the rest of us. I cannot speak for them all but I have interviewed Tony Blair several times. Although a number of words sprang to mind, "clever" was never one of them.

BY the end of this year, smacking children will probably be illegal in Wales and Scotland. This offers some interesting business opportunities on England's western and northern borders. I

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



foresee a string of cosy little franchises (Slippers-R-Us?) where Scots and Welsh parents can bring their errant offspring for a taste of traditional discipline and regale them with stories of how "we all got it in the old days and it never did me any harm."

MORE to the point, when slapping is banned across the UK, as it surely will be, what happens next? The approved alternatives to smacking, as preached by the great and good, are confining a child to its bedroom or confiscating its favourite toy. Or to put it another way, imprisonment without trial, and theft. One for the human-rights lawyers.

AFTER my recent item on prostate examinations, a reader tells me of a GP who uses two fingers, in case he needs a second opinion.

A COMEDIAN in the 1980s announced details of Margaret Thatcher's latest cabinet reshuffle. Apparently, Thatcher had moved the blue Wedgwood pot behind the little china dog. The recent reshuffle by Theresa May was just as underwhelming and didn't even have a punchline. But it did make the point, as May sacked middle-aged ministers for being "male, pale and stale," as the BBC put it, that it is perfectly pos-

sible in these enlightened times to be sacked for being the wrong gender, colour or age.

SOME of the victims of the black-cab rapist John Worboys are demanding that when he is freed from prison he should be excluded from London. And if the worst happened and Worboys struck again in the provinces, who would explain to the victims in Wales, Whitby or Wolverhampton that a rapist was unleashed in their midst to make London safer?

WHY was the normally cool Labour front-bencher Keir Starmer so agitated and anxious in his interview following the announcement that Worboys was due for release? Starmer's only involvement with the case is that at the time, nine years ago, he was Director of Public Prosecutions when it was decided to charge Worboys with only a dozen offences. His lawyers probably took the view that adding many more similar cases to the charge sheet would not result in a longer prison sentence. So it was a pragmatic, logical decision. The snag for Starmer is that in the intervening nine years sex offences against women have become centre-stage. Logic is not what it was. We now have a febrile culture in which a single ill-judged email or a wandering male hand 10 years ago is enough to end a political career. Starmer knows that he will survive the current scandal, so long as nothing more happens. But what if Worboys is released and offends again? In the present climate, illogical and unfair though it may seem, Keir Starmer could find his head on the block. No wonder he looked worried.

TALKING POINT



Weathering storm of American influence

POLITICIANS love to tell us that Britain has a special relationship with the United States – and it seems that includes the weather.

Avid watchers of weather forecasts will be well aware that storms these days are given human names, apparently to raise awareness so that people can take urgent action and batten down the hatches as severe winds and rain approach.

The Met Office, in conjunction with Ireland's Met Éireann, announced the storm names for the 2017-18 season in September, and already we've had Aileen, Brian, Caroline, Dylan and Eleanor.

In anticipation of a particularly bad season, a number of names have been chosen in alphabetical order. So far, so good, but a graphic on the Met Office website illustrates some glaring omissions in the naming process – which is where the American influence comes in.

Instead of using all 26 letters of the alphabet, Q, U, X, Y and Z have not been allocated a name. At first glance, it's easy to assume the Met Office had difficulty in choosing names for those five letters.

However, the actual reason they are not included is – and I quote the Met Office's small print – "this ensures we are in line with the US National Hurricane Centre naming convention and will maintain consistency for official storm naming in the North Atlantic".

So there we are. Our storm-naming system is at the mercy of American weather experts.

Maybe a campaign could be started to have those five lonely letters included after all. In true British spirit, the Talking Point team set about thinking up how to fill the gaps.

We came up with Quentin, Una, Xavier, Yul and Zach, and we'd like to think they are more sensible than some of the suggestions submitted to the Met Office.

How seriously could you take the news that Storm Gnasher was on the way? Or how about Baldrick, NastyBoy, Skylab, Stomp, Swoosh or Twizzle? Not surprisingly, the names of retailers such as B&Q and Asda were also excluded.

Looking back, the 2016-17 season saw five storms named, from Angus to Ewan. In the previous season, 11 were named, from Abigail to Katie.

Obviously, no-one can tell how many names will be needed this season – as few as possible, if we are lucky.

So despite the Americans taking over in this instance, perhaps we should be hoping that we don't get as far as those missing letters.

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Former colliery pals in another Get Together



A total of 93 ex-mining workers attended the 43rd Get Together in Hednesford

ALMOST 100 former colliery workers joined in celebrations in Hednesford for their 43rd Get Together.

The event at Victoria Working Men's Club in Church Hill was the annual opportunity to catch up with old colleagues and remember the heyday of the industry.

During the afternoon, the familiar games of darts, dominoes and pool were played followed by a buffet and a raffle. A total of 93 ex-mining electricians, mechanics, officials and former employees from various other depart-

ments attended the gathering, with people coming from as far away as Telford, Sedgley, and Worcester.

The Get Together started at West Cannock No 5 Colliery in 1974 and continued after West Cannock closed in 1982. It has been held ever since for people who worked at West Cannock, Littleton and Lea Hall.

"To think we are still there after the last colliery closed in 1993 is fantastic," event organiser Harry Wilkes said. "The Get Together does exactly what it says with miners from all ranking joining together to remember their mining days plus keep in contact with

each other for the present up to date stories.

"We must thank all those that help to continue to help during the afternoon such as Barry Lycett, Keith Little, Andy Beard and Michael Deakin, not forgetting family and friends who spent time doing the buffet."

"We also thank Church Hill Victoria, who have allowed us to use their venue for the last 42 years - long may it continue."

During the afternoon donations for St Giles Hospice amounted to £73. The 44th Get Together will be on Saturday, December 29, starting at midday.

Fury at railway sleeper depot bid linked to HS2

MORE than 1,000 people have objected to plans for a railway sleeper factory next to the M6.

There were angry scenes as dozens of residents packed into a consultation event held by Network Rail to unveil early designs for the compound they want to construct at Bescot sidings.

Concerns were expressed about the

potential environmental impact on people's health, noise and traffic the facility could generate.

It would produce 600,000 concrete sleepers a year with the first rolling off the line as early as August 2019.

RAIL.ONE, who will operate the site, said the factory would replace the one in Washwood Heath, Birmingham,

which is to be demolished to make way for the HS2 line.

Residents said many of them had heard about the meeting only via word of mouth.

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SIOBHAN CLIFFORD
Diabetes UK

Managers inflict problems on hospitals

WE keep hearing lots of stories telling us that the NHS is in crisis with people waiting for hours in ambulances and bed blocking incidents.

Although the NHS does face challenges I believe that some of its problems are inflicted by the management teams. Over the years since the 1960s, such teams have driven the closure of many smaller local hospitals, which

has obviously led to more and more patients visiting major hospitals such as New Cross or North Staffs.

Recently, I had occasion to use New Cross and one can see that staff are under pressure. However, just like the armed forces, we are all exposed to the touchy feely brigade values and asked to fill in surveys. Those survey forms and processing cost time and money. I

have found it difficult to see my GP and offered alternatives like ring 111.

What a waste of time that is – the operators are not medical practitioners.

If smaller places like Cannock or Stafford were given A&E departments the larger site would not be so overwhelmed.

MICHAEL FAWDREY
Hednesford

No-one is bothered about murder rate

IT would appear that convicted murderers have nothing to fear in regards to punishment. In fact it is just the opposite – gym facilities, clean clothes, warm food, warm bed, television, and God knows what else.

The politicians have let us down badly on this matter plus too many do-gooders who seem to know how to get their view across with maximum effect. Premeditated murder should be rewarded with the hangman's noose.

Think about the families and dependants of the victims. Surely it rates some consideration. When I was a boy, murders were a rare occurrence. Now it is an everyday thing, and no-one seems bothered to do anything about it.

ROBERT WESTWORTH
Rugeley

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EMILY SIVYER
Assistant producer

Here's how to ease the pressure on NHS

I AM sick of hearing that the NHS is in a mess, and at breaking point in some cases, when the only reason given is 'ageing population'.

Yes the benefits of modern medicine can keep people alive longer. However, there are other factors which must be taken into consideration: people need to be educated as to what is and what is not an emergency the modern day public are much more likely to need an ambulance and hospital treatment as a result of alcohol and drugs abuse; the vastly increased number of people choosing to live here, and health tourists. All of these put pressure on the NHS.

I therefore propose educating the public, banning drink, drugs and immigration completely and introducing lethal injections for everyone on their 70th birthday!

L.D.T.
Heath Hayes

Time for allowance rise?

I RECENTLY wrote to Mr M Fabricant, our local MP and television personality, to draw his attention to the fact the winter fuel allowance has not changed since its inception by the Labour Chancellor in 1997 – unlike MPs' wages and probably MPs' pensions. The reply I received stated that the Government thinks the original payment is still sufficient, obviously not aware of inflation.

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THE president opened the meeting with warm welcome and happy, healthy greetings for the new year.

It was lovely to see so many members as a lot of them had been poorly over the festive season.

Wendy read the minutes from the previous month's meeting and brought everyone up-to-date on county events that are happening in the next few months.

Speaker for the evening was Mary Bodfish who gave a very informative talk called "You can't abdicate and eat it." She covered the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936. She showed some great slides along side her talk, which enhanced the story so well.

The ladies then enjoyed a lovely cup of tea, and a choice of pie and a good old chatter to catch up with friends.

Ron ended the evening with her Thought for the Month, which as always was very amusing.

Visitors and possible new members are welcome. Meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Burntwood Memorial from 7pm.

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Oyez! Bell sounds for first 2018 meeting



Town crier Ken Knowles and his wife Marion

OYEZ, oyez, oyez. The new year and first meeting of 2018 was proclaimed open by guest speaker Ken Knowles, Town Crier of Lichfield.

Ken also attracted the ladies' attention by ringing his 200-year-old bell, which had been passed from previous town criers, along with the outstanding uniform of red coat, tricorn hat, jabot and buttoned gaiters.

The traditional Norman greeting "oyez" is used to gain attention for important communications used when many people could

Cannock and District Ladies Probuss

neither read nor write. But it is now used as the opening of a 125-word speech to express the virtues of the City of Lichfield: ending with "God save the Queen."

Ken is employed by Lichfield City Council for two hours, 13 days a year; often accompanying the Mayor; or annually, the Sheriff on his ride around the 22-mile boundary of Lichfield.

Since 2009 Ken has entered national and international town crier competitions: and has even won some of them.

Chairman Pam Clarke followed the talk with a short business meeting, welcoming new member Maureen March, and prospective member Karen Stokes.

The next meeting is the AGM and will be held at The Chase Golf and Country Club, Pottal Pool, on the first Thursday of the month at noon. Guests and prospective new members are welcome. Call 01543 505107 or visit www.probusonline.org

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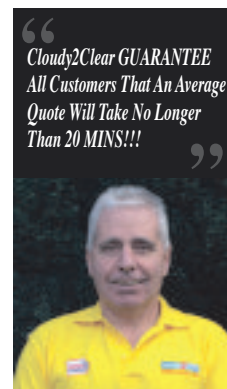
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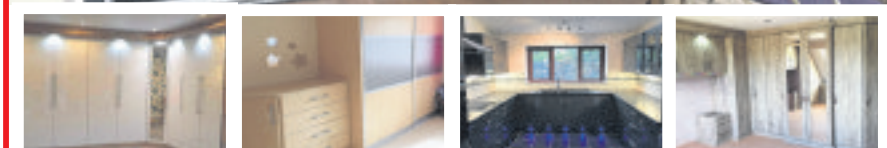
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Stars top theatre bill as new season curtain rises

EIGHTIES hitmakers Go West and 70s star Gilbert O'Sullivan are among the big names performing in Cannock this year.

The acts make welcome returns to the Prince of Wales Centre as part of the theatre's spring and summer programme.

X Factor, Pop Star to Opera Star and The Jump winner Joe McElderry is another to take the stage again at the Church Street venue, while legendary The Drifters and comic Roy 'Chubby' Brown, regular visitors over the years, are also back.

The curtain has risen on the new season with Tower Players presenting Terry Pratchett's *Mort*. Eagles tribute Talon follow with dates tomorrow night (Friday) and Saturday.

Homage

Other tributes to perform over the next few months include the Definitive Elvis Experience, Legends of American Country, paying homage to the likes of Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard, the Temple brothers performing the music of the Everlys, the Lionel Richie Songbook, Real Diamond featuring John Hylton, the Rolling Stones Story, the Mersey Beatles and Fast Love – a tribute to George Michael.

Drama is provided by Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Musical Society's Calamity Jane and West Side Story presented by Aldridge Musical Comedy Society, Ambient Night Productions have a two-night run of *Are you Being Served*, while Split Mask Theatre present a double header of *The Wonderful World of Dissocia* followed by an interpretation of Willy Russell's



80s stars Go West appear on February 1



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Blood Brothers. Psychic Sally and Derek Acorah take to the road with brand new shows, while Benidorm's Crissy Rock and comedians Tommy Cannon and Billy Pearce star in the riotous comedy *Seriously Dead*.

Prince of Wales Centre manager Richard Kay said: "There's always a strong element of music in the pro-

gramme and this season is no exception."

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Pupils read 26 million words – for pleasure



Rachel Ansell, a pupil at Wolgarston High School, celebrates reading four books since December

WOLGARSTON High School is celebrating the success of its Year 9 pupils, who have been busy taking part in an accelerated reader scheme.

Since the end of September they have been busy reading for pleasure, and have read more than 514 books – the equivalent of 26 million words.

"This is an amazing achievement," learning resources centre administrator Sarah-Jane Roberts said. "Our students during December alone read 4,365,735 words. We are already starting to see improvement in students' literacy as well as a positive reading culture within the year group."

The Penkridge school has also started to celebrate Chinese New Year, learning about that country's culture and its similarities and differences to ours.

During the celebrations, pupils' who read a book and score 100 per cent on accelerated reader tests in January and February will receive a fortune cookie.

Most dog attacks go unpunished by police

JUST a third of dog attacks on people in a year resulted in police action, figures reveal. There were 296 attacks in the Black Country, Cannock, Stafford and Lichfield during 2017.

Out of those, only in 69 cases did police charge anyone in connection with the attack, issue a caution, or assist in a community resolution.

This includes measures such as the offender offering an apology to the victim or paying compensation and it does not lead to a criminal record.

In 140 cases, no suspect was identified and the investigation was judged 'complete'.

Dudley saw the most dog attacks – 78 – followed by Sandwell, 67, Walsall, 61, and Wolverhampton, 52. There were 24 in Stafford, eight in Cannock and six in Lichfield.

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "In around a quarter of cases the dog owners have been traced and action has been taken."

"However, some complainants who have reported dog incidents have not wanted to pursue a prosecution against the dog owner, while in others there have been difficulties obtaining evidence."

By Alex Ross

"This can be especially challenging in cases where a dog is roaming unattended."

A spokesman for the Dogs Trust, which offers behavioural programmes to dog owners, said: "Dogs Trust receive thousands of calls each year from dog owners looking to give their dog up for adoption."

"New research tells us that one in five calls made are due to behavioural issues with family pets, which is why Dogs Trust does everything in its power to support dog owners to ensure their dogs remain in happy homes."

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Discarded litter leads to jail rat infestation

HMP Featherstone suffered a rat and mice infestation due to prisoners throwing rubbish from their cell windows, a report has revealed.

The prison governor had to take action – planting poison and fitting meshes to lags' windows – to tackle the problem.

The issue was raised by the Independent Monitoring Boards, which published its report following a visit.

Vice-chairman Keith Hollinshead called for 'urgent' refurbishment and repair to areas of the prison he described as 'unacceptable'.

Steps

And he claimed the rat and mice infestation had been caused by prisoners in four of the seven houses.

He said: "There is still an ongoing problem over the rubbish discarded from cell windows by prisoners on a number of house units."

"We do acknowledge that some steps have been taken to address this issue. Litter removal and vermin control must remain a top priority for the establishment."

By Alex Ross

Mr Hollinshead said since the report was published, efforts had been made to fix the problem.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice, which runs the prison, said the rat and mice problem had now been 'eradicated and pest control services visit on a weekly basis'.

Relationships between staff and inmates has improved, but problems still exist over 'very poor living conditions' at HMP Featherstone, the report concluded.

Mr Hollinshead reported an increase in staffing numbers and improved feelings between them and the prisoners. But he highlighted concerns over poor living conditions at the prison.

Foster children lead calls for more carers



Emma Howitt from Staffordshire County Council's Fostering Service and Marvin Campbell

BEING a lawyer and a business consultant are among the dreams being realised by two former children in care thanks to their foster families.

Jess Rees and Marvin Campbell are urging more Staffordshire families to come forward to help children in care achieve their potential.

The pair have joined Staffordshire County Council's latest campaign to highlight the positive difference that foster families are having on children's lives.

Jess, aged 19, who is currently studying law at university said: "My foster carers were great and supported me throughout my teenage years. I want to be a barrister one day but I probably wouldn't have got this far if it wasn't for them."

Marvin, from Lichfield now a management consultant, said: "All children in care want is a normal family life. I would definitely encourage people to consider being a foster carer. The difference you could make is amazing."

Foster carer Kelly Hyden began fostering when she was 23 years old and has looked after more than 60 children. Kelly said: "I'd definitely urge people to consider fostering and take that first step."

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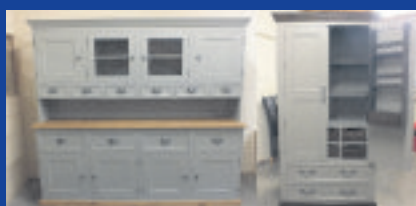
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Village halls to reach out in week of celebrations

Panto stars back again



Sam Rabone and Ben Thornton. Picture: Pamela Raith Photography

PANTO starts Ben Thornton and Sam Rabone are returning to the Lichfield Garrick for this year's festive production Dick Whittington.

The duo will reunite for the third year running at the Castle Dyke venue after appearing in 2016's Sleeping Beauty and Aladdin last year.

Ben will take on the role of Idle Jack, while Sam plays Dame Dolly.

Executive director Karen Foster said: "I'm absolutely delighted to welcome them back for a third year."

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THE teams behind Staffordshire's village halls are being urged to let the world know about their hard work through the internet.

It comes ahead of the start of the first ever #VillageHallsWeek on Monday.

People can share photographs, stories and networking events with others to demonstrate the valuable role of volunteers in keeping community venues alive and thriving.

As part of the celebration, the Community Council of Staffordshire will be focusing on the opportunities that come from halls being digitally connected.

All village hall committees are being asked to send the community council links to their websites and Facebook and Twitter pages. The council will then include the links on its own website.

Dedication

The week-long celebration is being run by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), a national body for 38 charitable local development agencies that make up the ACRE Network. The network represents rural community support organisations throughout the country including the Community Council of Staffordshire.

Catherine Russell, village halls adviser from the Community Council of Staffordshire, said: "We are proud to support the volunteers running community buildings in our area. Without their dedication, skill and expertise these facilities would close down and be lost forever."

"We are supporting #VillageHallsWeek so that we can celebrate the network of halls we have locally, champion the services they offer to their community and thank the volunteers at the heart of all that goes on," she added.

Richard Quallington, executive director of ACRE, said: "These community assets are the heart of rural areas."

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Social worker before panel for 'cruel' quip

A SOCIAL WORKER has been suspended from his profession after he suggested one way to manage a person with learning difficulties was 'to hit her with a sledgehammer'.

Gawain Minney was working as an agency worker for Staffordshire County Council when he made the comment to the service user's carer in a meeting.

He added 'or chuck her in a padded room', according to a panel of the Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service, which suspended Minney for 12 months.

The hearing heard how he made the comments during a multi-agency meeting discussing the management of the person, who is in her early 20s.

A second incident, which also happened in August 2016, was also brought before the panel. It happened at a coffee shop, when Minney jabbed his elbow toward a colleague's face in an aggressive manner.

Invited

Giving evidence, a council worker said Minney's comments at the meeting came as they discussed what could be done if the woman's behaviour became dangerous. The witness said she was 'quite shocked'.

In conclusion, the panel found Minney did not treat the service user as an individual, respecting her dignity.

Members also judged his comments about her as 'cruel and discriminatory'.

Minney appeared before the panel and invited it to impose a suspension, describing the process as 'helpful'.

The social worker has been in the profession for 17 years 'without incident', the panel heard.

He said he had suffered from a lack of social network and support as an agency worker, and was looking to live closer to his family. He also said he would take a psychological course.

Delight at new toy library



Manor Farm Community Association's chief executive Gary Bird with Becky Lloyd and her daughter Scarlett

A CHARITY has opened a toy loan library with the aim of helping to improve youngsters' skills.

The Toy Box has been set up by Manor Farm Community Association and operates from the Pelsall Activity Centre.

It is completely run by volunteers who are skilled early years practitioners. Mother and childminder Becky Lloyd said: "Scarlett is hav-

ing a smashing time trying all the toys before we borrow?

"And, when she gets fed up of one thing, we can return it and borrow some more."

Manor Farm Community Association's chief executive Gary Bird said: "Lending top quality toys and games will mean families can play and learn together without the need to purchase from the high street."

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'Immediate action' call over flooding



Councillor John Preece alongside the flooding

A COUNCILLOR is calling for 'an immediate response' to flooding on a road caused by an overflowing pool.

Councillor John Preece, who represents Norton Canes on Cannock Chase Council, says residents have been concerned about the problem for several years.

"The pool adjacent to Brownhills Road, which is regularly flooding the highway, is owned and managed by Staffordshire County Council who are also responsible for maintaining our roads," he said.

"This is something I had to point out to them on Twitter back in November when they told me they'd ordered the landowner to sort the issue. We are now well into winter and nothing has been done. After speaking with Staffordshire Highways and the county council's countryside department, there is beginning to be an acknowledgment that this problem needs to be addressed.

"The solution requires both an immediate response, namely the removal of the excess water, and a more long-term solution in addressing the cause of the overflowing lakes." Councillor Preece urged nearby residents to 'keep up the pressure' by contacting the county council's highways department.

MP in call for warnings over deadly dog disease

AN MP has joined the battle to prevent more dogs dying from Alabama Rot – and has backed the call for warning signs to be put up on Cannock Chase.

Amanda Milling MP is calling for action in the wake of three confirmed cases of the rare but deadly disease. All the owners say they had walked their dogs over the Chase.

Although it has not been confirmed the disease was contracted in the area, the Conservative MP is backing calls for warning signs to be put up around Cannock Chase to advise dog owners how to prevent it. She is also looking to secure a debate in parliament.

Pushing

She will also be meeting with Phillip Richardson who has been pushing for the warning signs after his dog, a spoodle named Jake, had to be put down because of the disease in November.

Cannock Chase MP Ms Milling said: "We do not know what causes it or how it is contracted or cured and there is currently no vaccine. What is really important is raising awareness with the public by follow-

By Charlotte Callear

ing simple instructions to wash paws and look out for cuts and abrasions so I have written to the Forestry Commission about signage to help with this because we do not want to get to the point where people do not want to go to the Chase."

Alabama Rot causes kidney failure in dogs and there is no known cause. Two cases were confirmed in Cannock in November.

The most recent was in December in Edgbaston but they said they walked their dog over Cannock Chase.

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Couple 'go virtual' to raise cash for charity



Wendy and Dave Barnsley – 'we are really enjoying it'

A RETIRED Rugeley couple are putting their best foot forward to complete a 'marathon' this month, in aid of helping disabled children receive the life-changing equipment they need.

Wendy and Dave Barnsley have signed up to Newlife Active, the latest fundraising campaign launched by Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children.

The Cannock-based charity has challenged people to take part in a sponsored 'virtual running challenge' throughout January to fund equipment such as specialist beds, seating and wheelchairs.

Those taking part in Newlife Active can choose from a 5K, 10K, half or full marathon and track their progress using a smartphone, Fitbit or manually logging progress online.

Involved

Wendy said: "We decided to do a virtual marathon over the month so we are chipping away at it, roughly doing a mile a day for 26 days, rather than doing it all in one go. So far I have walked, run, jogged and even danced my way to my mile a day."

"Helping children is a real passion of mine as I was an early years practitioner before I retired, so when I heard about this I wanted to get involved. It's also a great way to get fit and banish the winter blues!"

She added: "We are hoping to raise £260 each for Newlife through sponsorship, which is £10 a mile."

"So far everyone has been very positive and we are really enjoying it."

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All centres are totally female-run, with Jane managing the Cannock facility, and Layla at Aldridge. All members of staff have undergone intensive training at Gymphobics Training Academy in Stafford and are fully insured. Not only are the workers highly trained, but the equipment is top-of-the-range, with a 10-station air circuit allowing members to enjoy a resisted tension workout. The trademark for their workout enables members to get fast inch-loss results.

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Repair teams on shortlist

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The teams, who look after 12,000 homes across the county and in Shropshire, received the nomination for what was described as a 'root and branch transformation' of the service to customers.

Staff are celebrating being named as one of the finalists in the Project of the Year category in next month's Building Communities Awards 2018. The spotlight on

Property Plus comes as a result of Project Turnaround, which reduced costs, increased productivity and resulted in increased investment in home improvements at a time of rent reduction and welfare reform.

"Project Turnaround was at the root of a new corporate culture in Staffordshire and is now playing a crucial role in the harmonisation of two legacy organisations following the merger of Housing Plus and Severnside Housing," said Stephen Collins, property director for Housing Plus Group.

NHS trust four times over its winter budget

THE trust which runs two of Staffordshire's biggest hospitals has spent in the region of £8 million managing winter pressure – more than four times the figure it had budgeted.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNH), which runs County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke, set aside £1.6m. The money was held in anticipation of the typical demand between December 1 and February 28. But this month's trust board report revealed the amount spent was closer to £7.9m. Bosses say the original winter plan was their most 'comprehensive' ever.

Council in 'sign up' plea to volunteers



Bob Metcalfe with collections assistant Melanie Williamson

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council is encouraging people to take up volunteering. Bob Metcalfe, aged 67, took early retirement five years ago after 35 years in HR for an international company and has been volunteering with the Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Service ever since.

He was trained to use specialist software to enhance negatives or photographs which he selects from the museum's collection or from items on temporary loan.

As a result, he was asked to take part in a film that tells the story of the creation of Shugborough Park Farm around 1803 to 1805. He said: "Volunteering with the County Museum's team was initially a very different world to be in, but from day one they all made me very welcome and continue to do so. I still find that it is like looking into an amazing box of delights when I explore the museum's photographic collection."

Anyone interested can visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/community/Volunteer/PeopleHelpingPeople.aspx

Club charity box stolen

A CHARITY box was stolen and a fruit machine damaged in a break-in at Essington Working Mens Club.

Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Teresa Nicholls posted an appeal on the force's Smart Alert service. "There are ongoing inquiries. Any information please call Staffordshire Police on 101," she said.

The incident happened overnight, January 8-9.

Group talk to focus on street pastors

THE work of street pastors will be the focus of the first talk of the year at Penkridge Civic Society today (Thursday).

Julie Ashfield from Stafford Street Pastors will be explaining the work of the volunteers who help make sure revellers on a night out stay safe.

The talk will be at The Heritage Centre in Bellbrook from 7.30pm. All are welcome, with admission for visitors being £3 and tea, coffee and cake 50p.

The society, formed in 1995, holds meetings on the third Thursday of the month, with speakers on topics of local and historical interest. In 2000, with the help of a grant from the Onyx Environmental Trust, the society bought The Gaol, which they refurbished.

Increased

Ms Ashley said the extra money had been set aside to help address the pressures and challenges that the health system as a whole had faced over the winter months.

She added: "Therefore, the overall funding for winter has increased as and when these measures have been introduced."

The trust has paused elective orthopaedic surgery at County Hospital until the end of this month.

It has also ensured 63 extra beds are available at Bradwell Hospital in Newcastle-under-Lyme to free up space, particularly at Royal Stoke.

County Hospital had to divert patients away from Weston Road on the day before New Year's Eve.

Club spot at fair

NORTON Canes Watercolour Club will be supporting the New Year Shopping Fayre on Saturday at Trinity Methodist Church, in Poplar Street, Norton Canes, in aid of St Giles Hospice. Admission is free and the doors are open from 1 to 5pm.

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20 Green Flag proves pride in park

THE prestigious Green Flag is now flying proudly at the entrance to Hednesford Park.

The park is one of six in Cannock that won the award, making the district council the top performing authority in the area.

The council successfully obtained a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of £2.2 million towards the delivery of improvements with an additional £1m being provided by the authority, the Staffordshire Environmental Fund and St Modwens.

The park is maintained by Friends of Hednesford Park.

Improvements included refurbishing the play area and skate park along with improving paths, refurbishment of the tennis courts and planting new trees.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for culture and sport, said: "I am delighted that the flagpole has been erected and now flies the Green Flag with pride."



The flag goes up Picture: Friends of Hednesford Park

Classic! Hughes is festival headliner

GLENN Hughes has been named as a headline act for a summer festival in July.

The former Deep Purple star, from Cannock, will be top of the bill on the Saturday night at the eighth Steelhouse Festival which runs from July 27 to 29.

Vocalist and bassist Hughes will be performing 'Classic Deep Purple - Live'. Hughes was in the classic 'MK III' and 'MK IV' line-ups of the band who released the albums Burn, Stormbringer and Come Taste the Band.

He said: "I'm incredibly excited to get out there and play tracks like Burn, Mistreated, Stormbringer and Getting Tighter, as well as some of those older songs that helped define the genre. I can assure you of a concert that'll blow your mind." Festival



Glenn Hughes - 'incredibly excited'

organisers say it will be the first time that fans in the UK will have an opportunity to see 'The Voice of Rock' perform an entire set of Purple classics.

The festival takes place on the edge

of Brecon Beacons at Ebbw Vale. Promoters Mikey Evans and Max Rhead said: "When we were growing up in Ebbw Vale, absorbing all the rock music we could, a game-changing piece of hi-tech entertainment hardware started to appear in houses all across the land. The video recorder had arrived."

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Therapists given prize for booklets

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The booklets for schools are about the individual care plans for children with special educational needs and physical disabilities.

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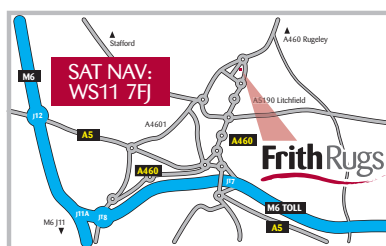


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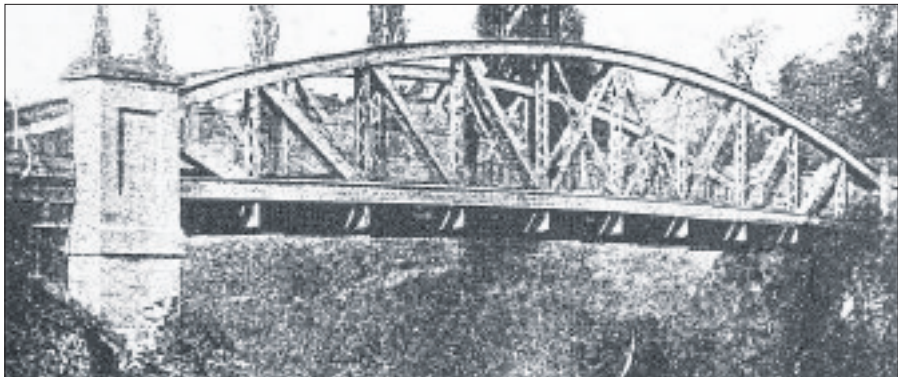
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Trouble identifying bridge over waters



Iris Norwood, who hails from Cheslyn Hay, has been trying to solve the riddle of where this Darlaston-built bridge actually is

HERE is an easy puzzle for readers to solve – where exactly is this bridge? There is an obvious clue as the publicity material from the company that built it describes the structure as “Bridge over the River Severn at Buildwas”.

It was the handiwork of E C & J Keay Ltd engineers and ironfounders at their James Bridge Works, in Darlaston. The bridge spanned 135ft and was 28ft wide, while the steelwork weighed in at 146 tons.

So, many readers will have no trouble in identifying it as the bridge over the River Severn to the original 1930s Ironbridge Power Station. The only trouble is . . . it isn't.

The location riddle was posed by Mrs Iris Norwood, of Doseley, Telford, who has been trying to solve the mystery on behalf of a colleague from the history group in Cheslyn Hay. Mrs Norwood is originally from Hollybush, Cheslyn Hay, and moved to Shropshire in 1971.

“I just know him as Ken, and he comes to the history group at Cheslyn Hay,” she said. “He lived in Darlaston

and had this photograph and asked me if I knew where it was, saying I lived in that area now.

“So I went to the power station and asked the man on the gate if he knew where it is. He said ‘It’s probably the old bridge up the road’. My son took a photograph of it and it doesn’t look like that at all. I don’t think it looks like the same bridge. I would love to be able to find out.”

However, with a bit of digging, the Chronicle is pretty sure the mystery can be solved.

The company literature is somewhat visually misleading, because it seems to have ‘squeezed’ the photograph to give a false perspective, making the bridge in question look shorter in span than it actually is, or rather was.

The bridge is no longer there in its current form. It is the Buildwas bridge, built in 1905 and 1906 to replace a previous iron bridge built by Thomas Telford in the 1790s.

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Air show is to stay as a one-day event

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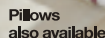
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Public Health England said there had been a 78 per cent increase in the GP consultation rate with flu-like illness, and a 50 per cent rise in the rate of hospital admissions for flu cases in the first week of the year.

The main strains circulating continue to be flu A(H3N2), known as Aussie flu, A(H1N1), known as swine flu, and Flu B. And official figures from Public Health England (PHE) show there have been 48 flu-related deaths in England so far this winter – with 24 of those in the last week.

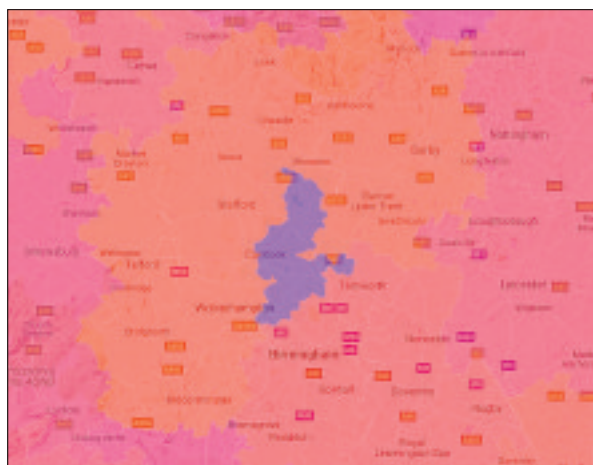
Zones

The figures come as Aussie flu continues to sweep the country. A map on the Flusurvey website highlights Cannock as the only area in Staffordshire and the Black Country not currently affected.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Birmingham and Stafford are all classed as red zones – very high amounts of influenza-like illness – on the online map.

Professor Paul Cosford, medical director at PHE, said: "Our data shows that more people are visiting GPs with flu symptoms, and we are seeing more people admitted to hospital with flu."

"People suffering with flu-like symptoms should catch coughs or sneezes in tissues and bin them immediately, wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water and frequently clean regularly-used surfaces to stop the spread of flu. Avoid having unnecessary contact with other people if you or they have symptoms of flu."



Blue haven – The Flusurvey map shows Cannock is not currently affected

Plea on repeat 999 callers

AMBULANCES were called out nearly 1,000 times over the last year – to just one Wolverhampton home.

Figures obtained through a Freedom of Information request show that in 2016-17, West Midlands Ambulance Service received 942 calls – either 999 or 101 – from a single household in the city. A total of 46 hospital visits resulted, according to the data.

Lib Dems in the city have called for tailored action plans for people who repeatedly call the service to make sure

they get the care they need. Across the region, 10 households called 999 a total of 4,352 times – an average of seven hospital visits per 100 calls.

A property in Birmingham made 1,171 calls relating to 489 incidents in a year, with 75 hospital visits.

The service also took 453 calls from a Tipton address, with a patient taken by ambulance on 28 occasions. Another Wolverhampton address called 284 times, and ambulances were called 272 times to an address in Dudley.

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GUIDE TO HOME
BUYING AND
LETTING

Neatly-presented family home close to village amenities

A neatly presented family home, 6 Leveson Avenue in Cheslyn Hay was built around 1964 and lies close to the village amenities.

It is for sale through Paul Carr Estate Agents at £170,000.

With central heating and double glazing (except in the guest WC), it is approached via a fore garden and driveway, enabling off-road parking and giving access to the garage.

An entrance porch gives access to the ground floor hallway, which has doors leading off to the ground floor accommodation.

The lounge has views over the front aspect, featuring an attractive fireplace and having sliding doors to the rear-facing dining room. Meanwhile, the kitchen has a useful pantry and a door leading to the garage and WC. To the first floor, two double bedrooms are joined by a single room and are served by a family bathroom.

The rear garden can be accessed via the dining room or garage and is enclosed.

A spokesman for Paul Carr Estate Agents said: "Early viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the potential of the property on offer."

In more detail the front driveway is block paved and flanked by a brick wall supporting the adjoining front garden area.

The lounge and dining room are both carpeted. The kitchen has attractive cream-coloured units, complemented by granite-effect working surfaces, splash-back tiling and is again carpeted. The family bathroom has a modern three-piece suite, is fully tiled and has a glazed shower screen to the bath. One of the three bedrooms features more than ample built-in wardrobes.

The rear garden includes a good-sized paved patio/terrace, lawn and shrub borders and a pathway leading towards the rear.

CHESLYN HAY £170,000

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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HEDNESFORD RAILWAY VIEW



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- Lounge/diner
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Spacious executive-style detached family home

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With double glazing and gas central heating, it is for sale through Marwood Homes at £260,000.

To the front is a concrete block print drive providing ample parking space, leading to the garage. There is a landscaped garden with a variety of established shrubs, a

CANNOCK
£260,000

feature brick wall with wrought iron railings and matching gates and a gated side access.

The home has a reception hall with wooden floor and stairs off, a lounge with a living flame-effect gas fire and wooden flooring. Double doors open to the kitchen with an integrated oven, five-burner hob and

canopy extractor fan and a utility and a dining area and conservatory, plus a guest WC.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, the master having an en-suite, and a bathroom with 'his and hers' hand basins and tiled flooring.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with a variety of shrubs, plants and trees, and a feature paved patio.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Marwood Homes on 01543 500700.



A brand new bungalow with three bedrooms

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£289,995

hall, an open plan lounge with a living kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is a large driveway to the front with an enclosed garden to

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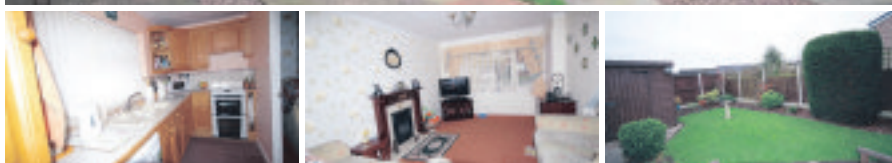


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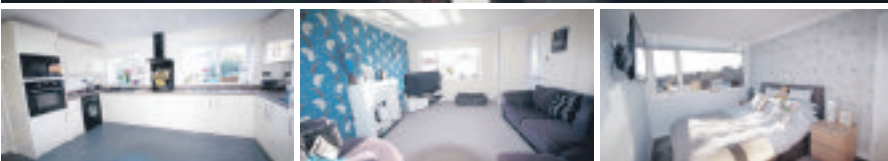


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Two-bedroom terraced home is well presented

CANNOCK
£155,000

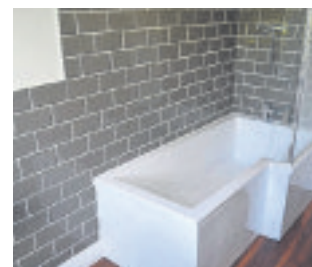
An extremely well-presented two-bedroomed terraced house, 150 Church Hill, Hednesford, Cannock, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners Estate Agents at £155,000.

This much-loved home comprises an entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room and office to the ground floor with the two bedrooms and stunning bathroom with free-standing bath and separate shower cubicle to the first floor.

The home also has a cellar which is accessed via the kitchen.

Externally the home has a shared access driveway for off-street parking and a garden to the rear.

For further information contact DB Roberts & Partners Estate Agents at 01543 469966.



Two-bedroom house on sale at reduced price with no chain

CHESLYN HAY
£129,950

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This recently refurbished and deceptively spacious traditional two-bedroomed house in Station Street, Cheslyn Hay, has just been reduced to £129,950 through Flint & Co Estate Agents with no chain.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the standard of improvement, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

In brief, the property comprises a lounge, dining room, a re-fitted modern kitchen, two good-sized bedrooms, a re-fitted first floor bathroom and a sizeable rear garden.

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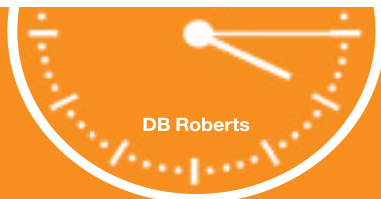


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Church Hill Hednesford



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- Two Bedrooms
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- Office
- Cellar
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- Extremely Well Presented
- EPC = E



£155,000

Stafford Lane Hednesford



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Living Room with Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory
- Driveway Parking & Garage • EPC = C

Brooklyn Road Heath Hayes



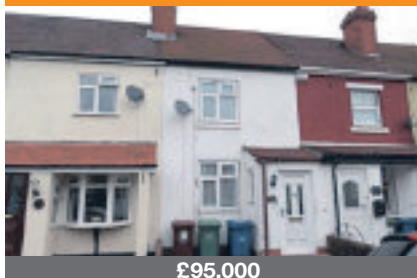
- Semi-Detached House • Three Bedrooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen • Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Rear Garden • EPC = D

Cygnets Close Hednesford



- One Bedroom Apartment • First Floor
- Allocated Parking • Open Plan Living / Dining Room
- Electric Storage Heaters • EPC = D

Cemetery Road Cannock



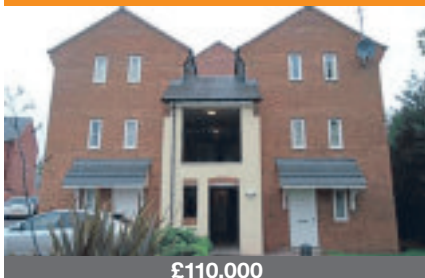
- Traditional Mid Terraced House • Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen • Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden • EPC = D

West Street Bridgetown



- Superb First Floor Maisonette • Two Double Bedrooms
- Pleasant Rear Garden • Stylish Refitted Shower Room
- Driveway • EPC = E

Hindley View Rugeley



- Attention First Time Buyers and Commuters • Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge Diner • Loft Storage Space
- Allocated Parking Space • EPC = B

Church Street Chadsmoor



- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom With Both Bath & Shower Cubicle
- Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

Wolverhampton Road Cannock



- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House • Two Reception Rooms
- Guest WC • Rear Garden
- Garage & Parking Space To The Rear • EPC = E

Boston Close Heath Hayes



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Kitchen Diner
- Modern Bathroom with Bath & Shower • Utility Area
- Paved Rear Garden for Off Street Parking • EPC = D

Southgate Cannock



- Semi Detached house • Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge Diner • Conservatory
- Rear Garden • Garage & Driveway • EPC = E

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- Three Bed Semi Detached House • Living Room with Dining Area
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen • Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking • EPC = D

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SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

SPINNERS, 3 MISS PICKERINGS FIELD, ACTON TRUSSELL

ATTRACTIVE WELL MAINTAINED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE

Situated In The Quiet Cul-De-Sac Of Miss Pickerings Field Overlooking Landscaped Public Open Space In The Heart Of This Much Sought After Award Winning South Stafford Village Of Acton Trussell



- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite
- ◆ Built on double width garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating D (65)

£375,000 FREEHOLD

PLOT 2, 198 HEDNESFORD ROAD, NORTON CANES



ONE OF TWO WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCES
Well Located For Facilities Within This Popular Village

- ◆ Reception/study
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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage & gardens
- ◆ Intruder alarm & 10 year warranty
- ◆ Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (83)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD



RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION

Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views To Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- ◆ Bedroom 4/study
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Private gardens
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

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PRICE £1,250,000 : FREEHOLD

65 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING LARGER GARDENS APPROXIMATELY 1/3 OF AN ACRE Adjoining School Grounds To Rear And Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Central reception hall
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen and utility
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room and separate toilet
- ◆ Garden stores
- ◆ Garage and in and out drive
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating TBC

£465,000 FREEHOLD

33 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Adjoining Open Space/Nature Reserve with Facilities Available at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Off Road Parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

8A LITTLEWOOD ROAD, CHESLYN HAY



DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED AND FITTED TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION Located In A Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating B (82)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE

Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities



- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (78)

£219,000 FREEHOLD

2 SHERBROOK ROAD, CANNOCK



FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- ◆ Hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral double length garage
- ◆ Corner plot gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£315,000 FREEHOLD

6 ROWAN CROFT, PRICE STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN PURPOSES BUILT SHELTERED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT Which Is Conveniently Located For Cannock Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge & kitchen
- ◆ Double bedroom
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Warden call system/security phone system
- ◆ Communal halls & access areas
- ◆ Communal laundry/dryer facilities
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Economy 7 electric heating & double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (66)

£35,000 for 50% share

26 DORNEY PLACE, CANNOCK



EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT Convenient For Local Facilities and Transport Links

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs & landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- ◆ Security entry system
- ◆ Inspection highly recommended
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£114,950

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Cloaks/shower room
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

4 JONES LANE, SLITTING MILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN MUCH SOUGHT AFTER HAMLET OF SLITTING MILL WHICH NESTLES WITHIN CANNOCK CHASE AN AREA NOTED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY Conveniently Positioned For Access To Wide Range Of Facilities At Rugeley And Cannock

- ◆ Enclosed porch and hall
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Fitted kitchen, utility and study
- ◆ Wet room shower/cloakroom
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Two bathrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas fired central heating
- ◆ Planning permission to extend existing accommodation
- ◆ EPC rating D (64)

£395,000 FREEHOLD

30 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Loft room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Off road parking & gardens
- ◆ EPC rating E (53)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

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SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

18 PRIMROSE MEADOW, HEATH HAYES



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located in Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (70)

£675pcm

11 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located in Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: C (74)

£590pcm

FLAT 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN



SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen & utility
- ◆ Inner lobby
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (68)

£535pcm

59 EDWARD STREET, BROOMHILL, CANNOCK



SPACIOUS TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Extensive off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (57)

£705pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR



REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

234 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ DSS considered
- ◆ Sorry no pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (57)

£575pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- ◆ Three further bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£750pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located in An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lift facility
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Electric heater
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (70)

£550pcm

5 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES



REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CUL-DE-SAC
Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Double bedroom
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73)

£475pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (46)

£625pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located in An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lift facility
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£550pcm

FLAT 9 CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN



SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen & utility
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Cellar
- ◆ Part tiled shower room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (70)

£535pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Located in Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance Hall
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (68)

£575pcm

1 WATERMINT CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located in Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (68)

£750pcm

41 CURBOROUGH ROAD, LICHFIELD



SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE
Located in Popular Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- ◆ Rear entrance lobby
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (65)

£695pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK



RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in A Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Large garden
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES



REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Located in Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73)

£695pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located in A Much Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- ◆ Electric heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry No smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

20 AVON ROAD, CANNOCK



REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Side enclosed verandah
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ No pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (52)

£595pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located in An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (68)

£575pcm

2 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ No smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (74)

£575pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located in An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Secure communal entrance
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazing
- ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (75)

£650pcm

FLAT 1 ADAM COURT, NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (74)

£525pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
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Well presented first floor flat, town centre location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, One Double Bedroom and Shower Room. Parking to rear. Photos taken October 2015. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £645

£465 pcm



THE SIDINGS HEDNESFORD

Well presented first floor Flat within walking distance of Hednesford town centre. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall with stair leading to Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal gardens. Allocated parking space. OFFER - FIRST MONTHS RENT HALF PRICE £250 NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £690

£500 pcm



NEW

RAVENHILL TERRACE RUGELEY

Spacious traditional terraced property comprises of through Entrance Hall, 2 Reception Rooms and Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear with outside WC. On road parking. Sparkle clean - please ask for details. EPC rating D NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS DEPOSIT £740

£535 pcm



NEW

KEYSTONE ROAD RUGELEY

Traditional terraced property. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Limited parking at front. Garden at rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating E DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm



NEW

THE OLD FORGE GREAT HAYWOOD

Well presented first floor flat comprising of Lounge, Kitchen with all appliances, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal gardens and allocated parking space. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £775

£560 pcm



NEW

ST JOHNS CLOSE BURNTWOOD

Well presented modern Coach House Apartment. Comprising of Entrance Hall, first floor spacious Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. External storage room. 2 Allocated parking spaces. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £760

£565 pcm



NEW

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

Semi detached property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking at rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £675

£575 pcm



NEW

SPRINGHILL TERRACE RUGELEY

Spacious, well presented semi detached property comprising Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining room, re-fitted Kitchen, Utility Room. Two double Bedrooms and Wet Room. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking to front. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £810

£585 pcm

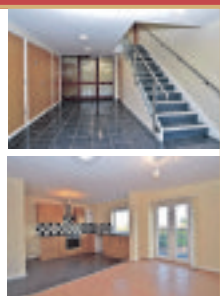


NEW

ST GEORGES COURT, BRERETON

Spacious two bedroom apartment within a popular development. Entrance Hall spacious open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Bathroom with shower over bath. Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B DEPOSIT £810

£585 pcm



NEW

LOWER BROOK STREET RUGELEY

Well presented fully refurbished first floor Maisonette in town centre location. Accommodation comprises of Breakfast Kitchen, spacious Lounge and Dining Room. Two large Bedrooms, Study and Bathroom. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. Photos taken November 2015. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £830

£600 pcm



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£650 pcm



NEW

RIDGEWAY, HIXON

Detached property in village location. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom with separate WC. Gardens to front and rear. Garage with driveway parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C

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£88,000

NEW PRICE



**FRANK ROGERS WALK
RUGELEY**

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£100,000

NEW



**REDBROOK LANE
BRERETON**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed semi-detached property in a popular location. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to side. EPC rating D

£110,000

NEW



**HINDLEY VIEW
RUGELEY**

A modern first floor maisonette built by local award winning builders Walton Homes. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. EPC rating B

£115,000

NEW



**ALBION STREET
RUGELEY**

A large Three Bedroomed property in a town centre location being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and partial double-glazed. Lounge, Snug, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom and Cellar. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms. Courtyard Garden. EPC rating - E

£130,000

NEW



**THE BEECHES
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed end-terraced property in cul-de-sac position. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Playroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking to front. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating F

£132,500

NEW



**TOY CLOSE
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this three bedroomed semi-detached benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off-road parking. Awaiting EPC

£139,950

NEW PRICE



**CRABTREE AVENUE
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£140,000



**RECTORY LANE
ARMITAGE**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this refurbished end-terraced bungalow situated in popular village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Inner Hallway and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to rear. EPC rating D

£145,000

NEW



**LODGE ROAD
BRERETON**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this family home positioned on the popular Five Oaks estate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE with gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£160,000

NEW



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£185,000

NO CHAIN



**PEAKES ROAD
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OFFERS OVER



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£200,000

NEW



**FARM CLOSE
ETCHINGHILL**

Viewing is essential of this family home situated in a popular location near to local schools. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms. Separate VNC and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. INTEGRAL GARAGE. EPC rating E

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OFFERS OVER

NO CHAIN



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£310,000

NEW



**FAIRHAVEN
ARMITAGE**

Reception Hall, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Breakfast Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs Shower Room, Study, Family Room and Conservatory. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-suite to Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. DETACHED GARAGE. Ample parking. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£499,950

NEW



**FAIRFIELD COTTAGE
NEWTON**

Viewing is essential to appreciate this detached property set in a small Hamlet. Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, Ensuite Shower Room and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Extensive driveway leading to DETACHED GARAGE. EPC rating C

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Lounge

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Utility Room
EPC C

Beech Pine Close, Hednesford



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Kitchen/Diner

Bathroom
Off Road Parking
EPC D

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Two Bedrooms
Lounge

Bathroom
Conservatory
EPC D

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Town House Property
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Two Bathrooms

Guest WC
Conservatory
EPC E

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Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Kitchen

En Suite
Garage
EPC D

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley



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No Chain
EPC D

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NO CHAIN
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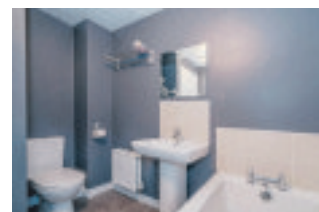
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- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

\$189,950

NEW

**CANNOCK
ALLPORT STREET**



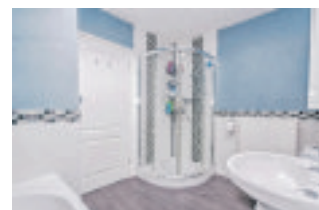
- Detached Traditional
- Town Centre Location
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen

- Utility Room, Boot Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refurbished Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

\$260,000

NEW

**HEDNESFORD
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- Well Presented Semi
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- Conservatory

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- Detached Family Home
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- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, WC

- Kitchen, Utility Room
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Ensuite to master
- Driveway, Garage

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**GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD**



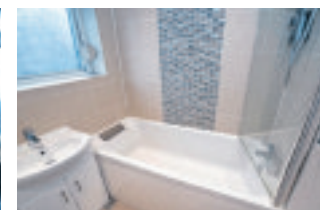
- Deceptively Spacious
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage

\$350,000

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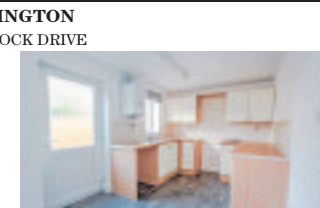
**CHESLYN HAY
KESTRAL WAY**



- Extended Family Home
- Sought After Location
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen

- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

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The fabulous celebrities and professional dancers will be joining the tour judging panel of Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell.

To round off the sparkling line-up, the tour will be hosted by reigning Strictly Champion Ore Oduba. They will all be joined by more Strictly professional dancers, the Strictly singers and the Strictly live band.

For Ore, it's a dream come true to be involved in the show once more. He's a Strictly addict who watches every minute of every show.

"If there's a slight mistake, my heart sinks and beats unhealthily fast. Even before the titles run, I can feel what the dancers are feeling. What would be funny is if someone filmed me, Gogglebox-style, watching Strictly. It's like a one-man-band of weird."

Ore admitted he'd missed the show so much that he jumped at the chance to get involved when he was asked.

"I'm not pining to be doing it again, but if there's something I miss it's the camaraderie and the backstage buzz. There's nothing like that buzz."

One of the most popular performers at Birmingham Arena will be Debbie McGee. The star was the surprise package of last year's show and didn't realise the chemistry she'd have with her partner, Giovanni Pernice.

"It's one in a million. We realised we wanted to dance together, but I don't think we realised the absolute chemistry we'd have."

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"There's a magic that is happening. The other dancers took the mickey out of us. He really cares, he doesn't just care about me, he cares about everybody. He makes everyone feel special and that's what Paul used to do, and that's what I love about him."

"We've laughed about how similar we are. Why does it happen in life? I don't know. We just have this incredible bond. I don't care because we had the most amazing time and we said, 'Let's just enjoy the last three dances', and for me, all I wanted to do was to do the best I possibly could, which I did, so I'm happy. We all deserved to win. It doesn't matter because we had a great time."

Last year's show was the 15th series of Strictly Come Dancing and featured winner Joe McFadden along with runners-up Debbie McGee, Gemma Atkinson and Alexandra Burke.

Joe says he found himself under pressure during the TV show. "You're concentrating on each move. I know she's (Katya) got her eyes out looking for me doing it wrong and having a turned-in foot when it should be turned out and not having fingers pointed at the end."

Despite his success in the show, Joe and the runners-up didn't stick around to party after the Glitterball presentation.

"There was a little bit of a party Saturday night. The four finalists were all so exhausted - I don't think we partied very hard. And I of course had the obligatory cold which descended instantly, the second I won."

Alexandra Burke made her name on another reality TV show - The X Factor - and has got engaged since Strictly ended just before Christmas.

She shared a photo showing her hand with the words 'I said yes' written on it, after getting engaged in Paris on December 18.

"So grateful for this amazing man in my life who has supported my family and I through so much," she added.

"We decided to keep this between us for a while to enjoy this special moment and that's why we haven't

Let's dance - Alexandra Burke and Debbie McGee will perform



If there's something I miss it's the camaraderie and the backstage buzz

said anything . . . Something so amazing honestly felt so overwhelming because there was only one person I wanted to call when it happened. I know she is smiling and very happy for us both - because little did I know she knew about it.

"For those who guessed and have left such beautiful messages - thank you. Josh is someone who makes me so happy and I've never felt this kind of love before. Here's to an amazing future that's filled with love, joy and so much happiness. I love you Joshua Ginnelly. I can't wait to see what our future brings and what God provides for us xxx"

Gemma Atkinson, meanwhile, has fuelled rumours of romance with Ryan Giggs, since the show ended. The duo had a lunch date at a restaurant in Manchester, even though they have denied dating.

Atkinson said she was bored by the speculation: "Anyone I hang about with of the opposite sex, people say I'm going out with. Whenever we all go out together as friends people say we're in a relationship."

Atkinson is best known for her role as Lisa Hunter on Hollyoaks and for the character Tamzin Bayle on Casualty. She also plays Carly Hope on Emmerdale and is an ex-glamour model.

The Manchester entertainer rose to fame on Hollyoaks



and her star has continued to rise. She has previously featured in the reality show Soapstar Superstar as well as Celebrity Weakest Link and Celebrity Mastermind.

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Iain Mackay and Jenna Roberts



Iain's ballet goodbye

TOMORROW night (Friday) the acclaimed Royal Ballet Sinfonia returns to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham for their annual Evening of Music and Dance.

Compered by Birmingham Royal Ballet company director David Bintley, led by principal conductor Paul Murphy and joined on stage by BRB dancers, this event is an extraordinary evening of beautiful music and stunning dance in one of the best concert halls in the world.

This year's programme will include danced excerpts from Don Quixote, La Fille mal gardée and The Sleeping Beauty, alongside Humperdinck's overture to Hansel and Gretel, Korngold's suite from the film

The Adventures of Robin Hood and Elgar's beautiful miniature, Sospiri. The programme also includes a pas de deux from Christopher Wheeldon's After The Rain, a company premiere for Birmingham Royal Ballet.

This performance will be particularly special because, after an incredible 18 year career with Birmingham Royal Ballet, principal dancer Iain Mackay will give his final performance. He is to dance the Adagio from Spartacus with Jenna Roberts.

One of Birmingham Royal Ballet's most valued and versatile dancers, Iain's ability to take on everything from classical princes to intense dramatic roles has seen him become a firm favourite with audiences at Birmingham Hippodrome and at the company's touring venues across the UK.

Beautiful start to blockbuster year



There is a blockbuster 2018 ahead at Birmingham Hippodrome, following the final performance of the big festive panto Cinderella on January 28.

It kicks off with Beautiful The Carole King Musical (January 31 to February 3), based on the life of one of America's finest songwriters. The West End hit is making a rapid return to the Hurst Street theatre following its success there last year. It stars Brontë Barbé, pictured, as Carole King.

Dance is always a priority at the Hippodrome and there is a real anticipation around the arrival of Matthew Bourne's radical reworking of Cinderella (Feb 6-10) in a London blitz context. Some may have seen this stylish ballet when it was screened by the BBC at Christmas.

Then Birmingham Royal Ballet return to their home theatre, for the first time since their festive treat The Nutcracker, to perform spectacular family favourite The Sleeping Beauty (Feb 13-24). The production harks back to the glory days of Imperial Russian ballet with a score by Tchaikovsky and choreography by Marius Petipa.

February promises to be a funny month with lots of top one-nighter comedy, not least Luisa Omelian's Dead Funny Birmingham's Big Comedy Gala (Feb 28). Confirmed guests include Sara Pascoe, Nish Kumar, Tom Allen, Suzi Ruffell and Ellie Taylor. All proceeds go to Helena's Hospice Foundation.

Other laughter makers at the Hippodrome include Sean Lock (Feb 27), Dara O'Briain for three nights from March 1 and Jon Richardson on March 10.

Opera takes centre stage when Welsh National Opera visit with La Forza del Destino (March 6), Don Giovanni (Mar 7) and Tosca (Mar 8).

Shiamak Davar, one of the most sought-after choreographers in Bollywood, brings the vibrant Spirit of India with 250 dancers to the Hippodrome on March 11.

It will be a case of Don't Cry For Me Argentina when popular musical Evita returns (Mar 20-24) and riotous farce with The Play That Goes Wrong (Mar 27-31).

The first of the mega-shows arrives in April when evergreen West End and Broadway hit Wicked looks at the Oz story from a different angle, April 4 to 29. The summer's big show sees Roald Dahl, the RSC and Tim Minchin's talents combine for Matilda The Musical from July 3 to September 8.

Superska sounds start the weekend

ENERGETIC eight-piece band The Superskas bring mod and skinhead favourite sounds to the Robin 2 in Bilston tomorrow night (Friday). There is plenty for prog rock fans to enjoy at the Mount Pleasant venue with G2 Definitive Genesis on Saturday night, then Lifesigns perform tracks from new album Cardington on Sunday. New Jersey outfit the Billy Walton Band play on Wednesday and its jump 'n' jive outfit King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys with The Miss Fortunes on Thursday.

Violin sensation plays Vivaldi masterpiece

Acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell will be performing Vivaldi's The Four Seasons at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday. Performing with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, his concert will also include works by Beethoven and Edgar Meyer. Also at Symphony Hall, the world's famous brass band, Black Dyke Band, are in concert on Sunday afternoon and John Wilson conducts the CBSO for a Leonard Bernstein programme on Wednesday.

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Paddy McGuinness

Take Me Out (ITV, 6.45pm)
Paddy McGuinness continues to arrange more dates for his returning panel of 30 single girls. This time, the Love Lift delivers a model from the Wirral, a caricaturist from Blackpool, a student from London, and a musician from Brighton. If any of these men are to secure a chance at love, they must first impress the single ladies enough for them to signal their approval by keeping their lights on.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The Masters. Coverage of the opening semi-final. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** BBC News. **5.40** Regional Programme. **5.50** And They're Off for Sport Relief.

6.30 **Pointless Celebrities.** Gail Emms, Audley Harrison, David Spinx, Susie Amy, Katy Brand, Brian Belo, Lisa Maffia and Marvin "Romeo" Dawkins compete in a quiz for stars who found fame in the noughties.

7.20 **Wedding Day Winners.** Phil and Beks from Ascot take on Kirsty and David from Swansea, as Lorraine Kelly and Rob Beckett challenge them to compete in a series of tasks for the chance to win a televised wedding and a dream honeymoon. This week's celebrity wedding guests are Jimmy Osmond, McFly's Tom Fletcher and Harry Judd, Pussycat Doll Ashley Roberts, First Dates maître d' Fred Sirieix, and comedian Tom Allen.

8.20 **Casualty.** Elle and Jacob realise they must tackle Blake's problems head-on when his friend Miles is admitted to the ED.

9.10 **BBC News:** Weather.

9.30 **Hard Sun.** Renko investigates evidence uncovered by DCS Roland Bell that suggests Hicks and Butler were corrupt, but she faces troubling questions at home when Daniel, fresh from his visit by Grace, begins to ask uncomfortable questions about both Hard Sun and his father. Meanwhile, a disillusioned former aid worker who believes the apocalyptic warning suffers a dangerous crisis of faith, and the spree killer confesses his sins to his priest, Fr Dennis, but the seal of the confessional causes complications for the police inquiry. Pre-apocalyptic sci-fi thriller, starring Jim Sturgess and Agyness Deyn.

10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Chelsea at the AMEX Stadium and Burnley v Manchester United.

12.00 The NFL Show. **12.30** Film: Papadopoulos & Sons. (2012) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Denigiers. **8.30** Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge. (R) **11.00** The Snow Wolf Family and Me. (R) **12.00** The Haiky Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** A Vicar's Life. (R) **1.30** Back to the Land with Kate Humble. (R) **2.30** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) **3.00** Tennis: Australian Open 2018. **4.30** Live Snooker: The Masters. Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the opening semi-final. **5.30** Tom Kerridge: Lose Weight for Good. (R)

6.00 **Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's wildlife-themed odyssey through the West Country continues, as he explores the ancient woods and valleys of Dartmoor on a mission to find out more about his favourite garden bird, the long-tailed tit. Meeting local naturalist John Walters, he learns how family life is the key to survival for these social birds, and with the help of nature expert Leo Gubert, he manages to track down a hibernating dormouse. Plus, a close encounter with some feisty wood ants.

7.00 **Live Snooker: The Masters.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the second semi-final, played over the best of 11 frames on day seven at Alexandra Palace in London. Despite being an invitational event, this tournament is considered one of the more prestigious on the snooker calendar, and with the winner set to claim a cheque for £200,000, both of the players in this contest will be eager to progress to tomorrow's final. With commentary and analysis by Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott, Dennis Taylor and John Virgo.

10.30 **QI** **XL.** Aisling Bea, Russell Brand and Noel Fielding join Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional panel quiz, this time focusing on "The Occult".

11.15 **Performance Live: I Told My Mum I Was Going on an RE Trip.** Drama, exploring Britain's many varying attitudes to abortion.

12.00 Snooker: The Masters – Extra. **2.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Do! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** Countrywise. (R) **12.50** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Dancing on Ice. (R) **3.00** Celebrity Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 **Regional Programme;** Weather.

6.05 **ITV News;** Weather.

6.20 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates more comical mishaps filmed by viewers, including a cat demonstrates CPR skills, and a holiday-maker who seems to have forgotten to pack any clothes.

6.45 **Take Me Out.** A model from the Wirral, a caricaturist from Blackpool, a student from London, and a musician from Brighton all hope to impress Paddy McGuinness's single ladies.

8.00 **The Voice UK.** Emma Willis presents as the coaches preside over the third round of Blind Auditions. As always, Jennifer Hudson, Will.i.am, Tom Jones and Oly Murs are tasked with assessing the potential star power of each contestant based on nothing but the power of their singing alone, only catching sight of each performer once they have delivered their verdict. The Blind Auditions represent the concept of The Voice format at its most pure, as each of the coaches aim to fill their teams with genuine undiscovered talent, before progressing the competition to its next stage.

9.30 **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon invites Paddy McGuinness, Gregg Wallace and Scarlett Moffatt to guess "who habitates in a house like this", as he invades another three celebrities' homes.

10.30 **ITV News;** Weather.

10.45 **Film: Jaws 3.** (1983) Thriller sequel, starring Dennis Quaid.

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.25** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.50** The King of Queens. (R) **7.15** The King of Queens. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.35** Frasier. (R) **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun. (R) **5.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Norfolk Broads. This is the first time the couple have visited the area, and they learn about the unique way of life that has developed over the centuries in this network of slow-moving rivers, fens, marshes and waterlogged woodlands. Their trip takes them to a marshall's cottage, the ruins of St Benet's Abbey; and a local Norfolk wherry, and brings to mind events from the book Swallows and Amazons. (R)

8.00 **Village of the Year.** Five villages from this week's heats compete for a place in the grand final, as Penelope Keith tasks archaeologist Alex Langlands, garden designer Juliet Sargeant and craft expert Patrick Grant with narrowing the field in the Western Zone.

9.00 **Film: Sicario.** (2015) Premiere. An FBI agent is recruited to join an elite government task force based on the border between the US and Mexico, charged with preventing drugs being smuggled into the country. The team is sent on a secret mission, and the new recruit is forced to question everything she believes in order to survive. Crime drama, starring Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro.

11.25 **Film: Salt.** (2010) A CIA agent goes on the run after she is accused of being a sleeper assassin sent to murder the Russian president. Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie.

1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.05** The Lie Detective. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** The Autistic Gardener. (R) **5.45** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors: Fatal Four. (R) **1.05** The A-Team. (R) **2.05** The A-Team. (R) **3.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.10** Rich House, Poor House. (R)

6.05 **The Wonderful World of Puppies.** The documentary reveals how dogs learn to communicate with each other, via everything from barks to squeaks and yelps, and subtle gestures with the ears, eyes, tail and snout.

7.00 **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups.** Joe Pasquale narrates another selection of pranks pulled by British celebrities, placing their fellow stars on the receiving end. This time, Oly Murs tricks Caroline Flack with a terrifying driverless car journey, and mischievous duo Ant and Dec catch out chat show host Jeremy Kyle with what might possibly be the oddest guest he has ever encountered. Stephen Mulhern helps rugby star Matt Dawson prank fellow player Austin Healey, and Ben Hanlin recalls the time he persuaded Ryan Clark-Neal into taking a memorable lift ride.

8.00 **Blind Date.** A dental manager must choose between a picture framer, a health care worker and a sausage maker, and in a Blind Date first, a past contestant is stood up by his date; 5 News Weekend.

9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Nottingham Forest and Leeds United v Millwall.

9.55 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Blackpool and Plymouth Argyle v Wigan Athletic.

10.25 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.30 **The X-Files.** The sci-fi mystery drama returns. Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny star. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **8.00** Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom **9.00** Spiral **10.55** The Vietnam War **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.30** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **1.30** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need is the Music **2.15** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **3.15** Close

ITV2

11.25 Take Me Out **12.40** You've Been Framed! **Gold 1.15** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **3.20** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **8.25** FYI Daily **6.30** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **9.00** Film: Fast & Furious (2009) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Fast & Furious (2009) **11.10** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **1.05** Release the Hounds **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **2.55** Teleshopping

ITV3

1.55 Rosemary & Thyme **2.55** Film: Columbo Goes to the Guillotine (1989) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.50 FYI Daily **11.55** Film: Superman (1978) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Ascot. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ascot and Haydock Park. **4.00** Film: Goldfinger (1964) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Goldfinger (1964) **6.15** Pawn Stars **7.15** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **9.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Blues Brothers (1980) **11.40** Film: Beetlejuice (1988) **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55** Film: Beetlejuice (1988) **1.35** Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera **2.35** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **2.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Karate Kid (2010) **10.40** Gogglebox **12.50** Rude Tube **1.55** Gogglebox **2.55** First Dates **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **Film4**

11.00 The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **1.00** Vice Versa (1989) **2.55** Fantastic Voyage (1986) **5.00** Congo (1995) **7.15** Source Code (2011) **9.00** The Abyss (1989) **11.45** The Piper (2015) **1.55** Intruders (2011) **4.00** Close

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Linda Bassett

Call the Midwife (BBC1, 8pm)

New series. A new midwife joins the team as the area is rocked by power cuts and blizzards. The new arrival is delayed by the weather and falls ill as soon as she arrives. However, she is quickly dragged from her sick bed to assist with a difficult birth. Nurse Crane and Dr Turner treat an elderly cancer patient who faces losing her house due to slum clearances, and try to convince Sergeant Woolf to allow her to die at home. Jenny Agutter, Leonie Elliott, Linda Bassett, Judy Parfitt, Helen George, Laura Main, Victoria Yeates and Annabelle Apsion star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Lifeline. **3.25** Big Cats. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** The Coronation. (R)

6.00 BBC News.**6.20 Regional Programme.**

6.30 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani visits Leicester to discover why spring plants are flowering in winter in the city. She also pays a visit to the city's university to learn about Britain's 300 species of rare plants. John Craven attends the building of a new birdwatching hide at Rutland Water, and Tom Heap examines the challenges faced by rural fire services.

7.30 **Still Open All Hours.** Granville encourages Gastric to enter an art competition. Last year's showpiece match was a closely fought contest, with Ronnie O'Sullivan claiming a 10-7 victory over Joe Perry to win the competition for a record-breaking seventh time, putting him ahead of Stephen Hendry in the all-time list. With commentary and analysis by Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott, Dennis Taylor and John Virgo.

8.00 **Call the Midwife.** New series. A new midwife joins the team as the area is rocked by power cuts and blizzards, but she falls ill as soon as she arrives and soon has to assist with a difficult birth.

9.00 **McMafia.** Semiyon's fortunes seem to be on the rise – until he is arrested in Tel Aviv. Alex and Rebecca announce their engagement, and Lyudmila sees a chance to regain her freedom.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20 Regional Programme.**

10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring highlights of Sunday's only game – Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur at St Mary's Stadium.

11.20 **Man Like Mobeen.** Eight teams that his father is dying. When Mobeen agrees to visit him one last time, he is unprepared for the terrible secret he learns and the favour the old man has to ask.

11.40 **Man Like Mobeen.** An anti-Islam march comes through the neighbourhood, and Mobeen ends up sharing a police van with the leader when he takes the blame for Aki's counter-protest. Last in the series.

12.05 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.35** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.20** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.50** Greatest Gardens. (R) **8.20** Monty Don's Paradise Gardens. (R) **9.20** Countryfile. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Food & Drink. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. Coverage of the opening eight frames of the final. **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 **Tennis: Australian Open 2018.** Kat Dooven presents action from day seven of the opening Grand Slam tournament of the year, which takes place at Melbourne Park, and featured the latest fourth-round matches.

7.00 **Live Snooker: The Masters.** Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the final from Alexandra Palace, London, where a maximum of 11 frames will be played to decide this year's champion. Last year's showpiece match was a closely fought contest, with Ronnie O'Sullivan claiming a 10-7 victory over Joe Perry to win the competition for a record-breaking seventh time, putting him ahead of Stephen Hendry in the all-time list. With commentary and analysis by Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott, Dennis Taylor and John Virgo.

11.00 **The Mash Report.** Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

11.30 **Insert Name Here.** Comedy panel game in which host Sue Perkins asks teams captained by Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer questions about famous people who share a name. (R)

12.00 **Film: All Good Things.** (2010) The heir of a wealthy family marries a medical student, but is suspected of murdering her when she disappears without trace. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Kirsten Dunst. **1.35** **Film: Good Morning Karachi.** (2013) A Pakistani woman hopes to pursue a career as a model despite disapproval from her mother and rising tensions in the country. Drama, with Anna Ilyas and Be Raana Zafar. **3.00** **Sign Zone: Question Time.** Topical debate from Hereford. (R) **4.00** **Holby City.** Essie struggles to use her head over her heart as she gets involved with Gaskell's trial, and Oliver is transferred to AAU for a change of scene. (R) **4.55** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Ben 10. **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** TV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **11.25** The Voice UK. (R) **12.55** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **1.30** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **2.00** The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) **2.30** **Film: Kindergarten Cop.** (1990) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **4.35** Regional Programme : Weather. **4.45** ITV News: Weather. **5.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

6.00 **Dancing on Ice.** Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present disco week, as the remaining 11 celebrities and their professional partners perform to impress judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and Jason Gardiner and avoid having to compete in a skate-off to remain in the contest for another week.

8.10 **Vera.** A mother of two is found murdered in her back garden. Vera and Aiden investigate the case, and delve into the disturbing secrets and ongoing conflicts that lurk beneath the surface of the victim's seemingly peaceful suburban community. The case takes a more complicated turn when the dead woman's estranged family make an unexpected reappearance, and while several of her neighbours may have had cause to carry out a crime of passion, her relatives may have had compelling motives of their own to kill. Guest starring Rita Tushingham.

10.10 **ITV News: Weather.**

10.25 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.25 **Next of Kin.** Mona travels to Lahore to identify Kareem's body and though the trip presents an opportunity to meet Danny, it instead leads her into grave danger in a remote corner of the city. (R)

12.20 **Great Art.** (R) **1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **6.20** The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** **Film: Capture the Flag.** (2015) Premiere. Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Sam Fink. **4.30** **Film: Aladdin.** (1992) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Robin Williams.

6.35 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Posh Pawn.** New series. Memorabilia expert Lawrence's knowledge of cars is put to the test as James gets his hands on an E-Type Jaguar worth over £100,000. Plus, Claudia values a customer's extravagant impulse buy and Lawrence goes to Hertfordshire to appraise some unusual artwork.

8.00 **The Biggest Little Railway in the World.** The train struggles to cross the first hill on the line – which is only a gentle incline compared to the vast rises to come. The team also needs to build a track-stabilising device to prevent the train from falling over, while Claire comes across a rocky stream near Fort Augustus, and makes plans to build a curving trestle bridge.

9.00 **SAS: Who Dares Wins.** The recruits are divided into two teams for a series of challenges designed to test both their ability to bond as a group, including a time trial run across the Sahara Desert.

10.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts as Jon Richardson and Joe Wilkinson take on guest captain Kevin Bridges and Jessica Knappett. Dr John Cooper Clarke helps out in Dictionary Corner. (R)

10.55 **Film: Season of the Witch.** (2011) Two knights escort a suspected witch to trial during the Black Death, but are not prepared for the powers she possesses. Fantasy adventure, with Nicolas Cage and Ron Perlman.

12.45 **Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners.** (R) **1.40** **The Lie Detective.** (R) **2.25** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **3.20** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.45** Coast vs Country. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Pappa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.10** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.20** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.30** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.40** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.20** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.15** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.10** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** **Film: Pixels.** (2015) Sci-fi comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **2.35** **Film: Big Daddy.** (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **4.15** **Film: Mr Deeds.** (2002) Romantic comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler and Winona Ryder. **5.20** 5 News Update. **5.25** **Film: Mr Deeds.** (2002) Concluded.

6.00 **Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.** (1991) An English nobleman returns home from the crusades to find his father has been murdered and the local people are repressed by the tyrannical rule of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Branded an outlaw, he recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman, Morgan Freeman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio.

7.00 5 News Update.

7.05 **Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.** (1991) Concluded.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of another day for the illustrious inhabitants as they cope with the day-to-day complications of life under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, while also dealing with one another's quirks and foibles.

10.00 **Film: Life As We Know It.** (2010) Two people who do not get on are forced to live together when they are named guardians of their dead friends' baby daughter. Comedy, starring Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel.

12.10 **Film: That's My Boy.** (2012) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Andy Samberg. **2.15** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** The Tea Trail with Simon Reeve **9.00** Hunt v Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals **10.00** **Film:** Before the Winter Chill (2013) **11.40** Natural World **12.40** Hunt v Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals **1.40** The Tea Trail with Simon Reeve **2.40** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.40** Close

ITV2
12.25 Take Me Out **1.45** The Voice UK **3.20** **Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** **Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **4.25** **Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** **Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** **Film:** Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** **Film:** Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008) **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** **ITV3** Nightscreen

ITV3
11.55 Foyle's War **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** **Film:** The Sting (1973) **1.30** Blue Murder **2.50** Rosemary & Thyme **3.40** Road to Avonlea **5.25** On the Buses **5.55** **ITV3** Nightscreen

ITV4
12.00 **Film:** Superman (1978) **1.20** FYI Daily **1.25** **Film:** Superman (1978) **3.00** **Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** **Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **4.40** **Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** **Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **6.45** Hornblower **9.00** **Film:** Unknown (2011) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** **Film:** Unknown (2011) **11.20** **Film:** Scarface (1983) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** **Film:** Scarface (1983) **2.35** **Film:** The Protectors **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 Melissa & Joey **1.30** **Film:** Escape from Planet Earth (2013) **3.10** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Lockout (2012) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** Gogglebox **2.05** Rude Tube **3.00** First Dates **3.50** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Support Your Local Sheriff! (1969) **1.00** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **2.35** One Fine Day (1990) **4.45** Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (2006) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Avatar (2009) **12.10** Priest (2011) **1.55** Les Combattants (2014) **4.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

A Stranger with My Kids, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Single mother Karen hires male nanny Alex to help with her two young sons, but he has other plans and wants her family as his own. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott and Mitch Ryan. (2017)

TUESDAY

Dance Night Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A professional dancer on a popular TV competition is murdered and one of her colleagues seems to have a mysterious stalker who is intent on forcing her off the show, but it soon becomes clear the killer wants her dead too. Thriller, starring Sabrina Bryan. (2016)

WEDNESDAY

The Danish Girl, ITV, 10.45pm
Artist Gerda Wegener unveils a portrait of her husband Einar dressed as a woman in 1920s Copenhagen. Einar realises that the woman in the painting is his true identity, and decides to become one of the first people to undergo sex reassignment surgery. Period drama based on David Ebershoff's novel inspired by the true story of artist Lili Elbe, starring Eddie Redmayne and an Oscar-winning Alicia Vikander. (2015)



Drive, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

THURSDAY

Driven Underground, Channel 5, 3.15pm
After her teenage daughter becomes a key witness to a mob killing and she suspects a leak inside the police force, a single mother takes her family to live in Oregon. However, as they struggle to adjust to their new life, both the police and the killers start a nationwide search for them. Drama, starring Kristy Swanson, Emily Tennant and Lochlyn Munro. (2015)

FRIDAY

Drive, BBC2, 11.05pm
A stuntman who moonlights as a getaway driver tries to protect the wife and child of an imprisoned criminal. When the convict is released, the driver tries to convince him to give up his life of crime for his family's sake, but when they work together on a robbery, they end up drawn into a conflict with the Mafia. Crime drama, with Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan and Bryan Cranston. (2011)

Honouring the best of the best in the TV world

We love the Oscars, Golden Globes and Emmys - the Baftas aren't half bad either. But our favourite film or TV-related gong-giving ceremony of all has to be The National Television Awards.

Why? The answer is simple: because every award is voted for by the people who really count - those of us who tune in at home.

Forget the critics or the contributors' fellow cast and crew members, it's the folk who watch the shows whose opinions count the most, because without them, there would be no programmes to start off with.

So if your favourite doesn't bag a trophy on the night, you only have yourself to blame for not backing them.

Many critics believe we're in a golden age of TV, and it's hard to disagree with them. The rise and rise of on demand services means that big guns such as the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Sky have had to raise their games to compete with Netflix and Amazon.

As a result, we've seen some cracking shows this year, from the final instalment of Broadchurch to a fond farewell to Peter Capaldi's tenure in Doctor Who, not to mention The Great British Bake Off's move to Channel 4.

Many believed that the latter would be a flop after original hosts Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins and judge Mary Berry quit. However, their replacements - Sandi Toksvig, Noel Fielding and Prue Leith - have more than filled their shoes and, if anything, the programme is better than ever.

Bake Off is in the running for the Challenge Show title, and if it doesn't beat Love Island, MasterChef and I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! we'll eat our hats, providing they're covered in spun sugar and don't have soggy bottoms, of course.

The biggest change in the proceedings comes with the creation of a Crime Drama category to reflect just how many such shows are produced these days - as well as their overwhelming popularity.

Broadchurch, Line of Duty, Little Boy Blue and Sherlock are all in the running, but it's left the good, old-fashioned Drama section a little light on quality, with Call the Midwife, Casualty, Doctor Foster, Game of Thrones and Liar as the nominees.

All are decent enough, but with less to choose from it's what's missing that is baffling - where are Taboo, The Moorside and Three Girls, for starters?

But then that can often be the joy of such ceremonies - the arguing about who or what is missing, and who or what should have been the winner: it's the kind of debate between friends that can last a very long time indeed.

Phillip Schofield, Tom Hardy, Sheridan Smith, David Tennant, Peter Kay's Car Share, Gogglebox, Loose Women and Coronation Street are also up for awards on the night.

Another change involves renaming one trophy The Bruce Forsyth Entertainment Award after the legendary performer.

PICK OF THE WEEK



The National Television Awards 2018, Tuesday, ITV, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Surgeons: At the Edge of Life BBC2, 9pm

Although not for the squeamish, let alone those who have a procedure planned in the next few months, this documentary series has been riveting. It concludes with an episode entitled The Pioneers, which focuses on some of the clinical trials being carried out at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. Cameras track three trials at the vanguard of medicine, on donor livers, implantable microphones and prostate cancer, while viewers learn what it's like to take part in this kind of experimental treatment - for both surgeons and patients. With specialist fixed-rig cameras, head-cams and microscope feeds, we once more learn more about the miracles that take place on Britain's operating tables every single day. Once again, it proves that for sheer drama, these particular theatres take some beating.

TUESDAY

Love and Hate Crime BBC1, 10.45pm

This fascinating series originated on BBC3 and offers an insight into some of the hate crimes committed in the US every year. Last week focused on a young man who murdered his lover in a fit of

rage after discovering she was transgender. This time the focus is on the murder of James Anderson, a black man who was mowed down by a gang of white youths travelling in a truck; an incident described as a modern-day lynching by the media. Here, cameras follow the story of 18-year-old Sarah Graves, who was in the vehicle, as she faces trial. There's also an insight into how what has happened has impacted on her family and how she became involved with a racist group, as well as a look at the case from the perspective of the police and Anderson's loved ones.

WEDNESDAY

Stealing Van Gogh BBC2, 9pm

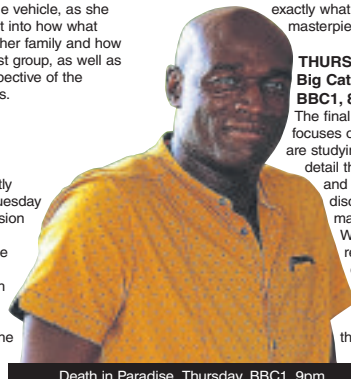
Andrew Graham-Dixon is currently appearing on BBC Four every Tuesday evening as presenter of Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection, but he's also found the time to front this fascinating documentary. It takes an in-depth look at the true story behind the greatest art heist of the 21st century to date, which involved the theft of two valuable paintings from the Van Gogh Museum in

Amsterdam in December 2002; they were eventually recovered in Naples more than a decade after the crime took place. Graham-Dixon's exploration takes him across Europe where he meets the detectives involved in cracking the case, as well as art experts and prosecutors who reveal exactly what happened to the masterpieces.

THURSDAY

Big Cats BBC1, 8pm

The final documentary focuses on the scientists who are studying wild cats in more detail than ever before - and the ground-breaking discoveries they are making. Professor Alan Wilson has been researching the cheetah, using hi-tech collars to rewrite what is understood about the fastest animal on land - revealing that its speed is



Death in Paradise, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

not its greatest weapon. There is also a look at cat conservation, with stories including that of the Iberian lynx. Just five years ago this was considered the rarest cat on the planet. Now, thanks to a captive breeding programme, numbers are increasing in the wild. Last in the series.

Death in Paradise BBC1, 9pm

DI Mooney and the team become embroiled in the mysterious world of faith healing when a blind woman dies while being treated by renowned healer Steadman King. When it turns out the victim was poisoned, all eyes turn to Steadman and his cup of holy water. But how could the prime suspect have carried out the deed in front of an audience without anyone noticing? Meanwhile, JP is put through his paces when Pico the police dog joins the team on a week-long trial, and Florence tries to recreate some of Jack's home comforts.

FRIDAY

Costa Del Celebrity Channel 5, 8pm

Anne Diamond, Nick Owen, Ainsley Harriott, Vicki Michelle and Christine Hamilton end their Spanish adventure at a family-run vineyard during the grape harvest. Last in the series.

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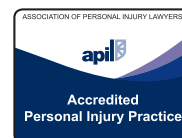
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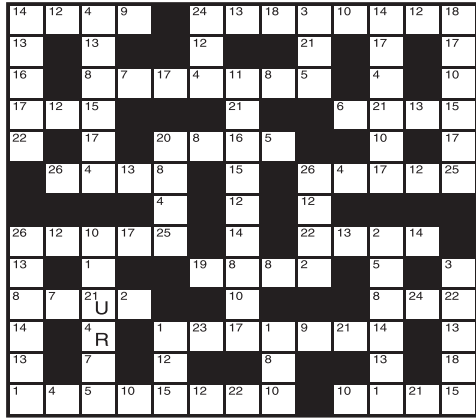


BRAIN GYM

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

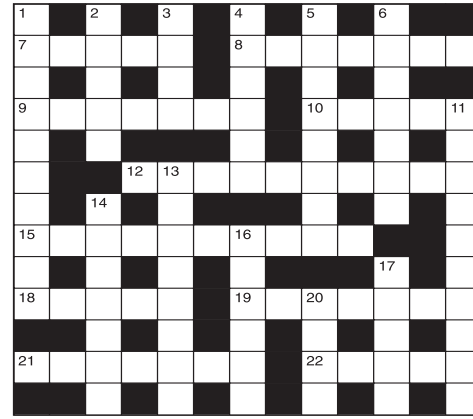
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Greek character featured in some games (5)
8. Not in the list of actors for "The Exile" (7)
9. & 10Ac. Finish no bar tending, in a way (5,2,2,3)
10. See 9 Across.
12. Strange silent seas are indispensable (10)
15. How the standard is raised at the passing-out parade! (2,4-4)
18. Takes a translation of the poet (5)
19. See 21 Across.
21. & 19Ac. To whom events are crystal clear? (7-7)
22. Join the forces and work in the mess (5)

Down

1. Presumably it's not for the single-minded conversationalist (6,4)
2. Right time arranged to send to another court (5)
3. Disreputable crowd to go in Scotland (4)
4. Suffering from depression - got up after the doctor is seen (6)
5. Fabulous island found when the ocean's end is changed (8)
6. Arrived with the artist's equipment for pictures (7)
11. Upset when locks have been removed? (10)
13. Has an open-air stall and disposes of the stock (5,3)
14. It provides entertainment at daytime (7)
16. Molecular structure to be of importance (6)
17. See 20 Down.
20. & 17Dn. Fail to make a red card and become discouraged (4,5)



Quick Clues:

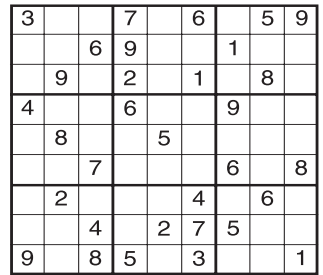
Across

7. Shove (5)
8. Notice (7)
9. Feat (7)
10. Change (5)
12. Irreverence (10)
15. All-knowing (10)
18. Unmoving (5)
19. Zeal (7)
21. Detergent (7)
22. Circular (5)

Down

1. Fawning (10)
2. Break out (5)
3. Nought (4)
4. Janitor (6)
5. Thug (8)
6. Inscribed (7)
11. Backward (10)
13. Cheeky (8)
14. Unbeliever (7)
16. Acquaint (6)
17. Fashion (5)
20. Unusual (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	5	4	7	1	2	9	3	8
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Starboard; 8 Ado; 9 Seat of power; 11 Lecter; 12 Guest; 13 Orient; 15 Prison; 17 Tenet; 18 Reprieve; 20 Arctic ocean; 22 Eel; 23 Dissenter. Down: 2 Tie; 3 Broke; 4 Alpine; 5 Dowager; 6 Barber's pole; 7 Constance; 10 Auction sale; 11 Lion-tamer; 14 Noticed; 16 Armies; 19 Probe; 21 Aye. QUICK - Across: 1 Advantage; 8 Nil; 9 Impertinent; 11 Harness; 12 Eerie; 13 Leeway; 15 Strove; 17 Cruel; 18 Cutlass; 20 Lawlessness; 22 Sol; 23 Dangerous. Down: 2 Dim; 3 Nerve; 4 Amidst; 5 Element; 6 Interrogate; 7 Blameless; 10 Perpetually; 11 Holocaust; 14 Allowed; 16 Screen; 19 Taste; 21 Sou.

Quiz

- Which London theatre was founded in 1818 as the Coburg?
- Who described the poorest of the poor as the lumpenproletariat?
- Which Lost Generation novelist wrote Manhattan Transfer?
- What is the administrative centre of Dorset?
- Who wrote Lord of the Rings?
- In Greek mythology, what were the fifty daughters of Doris called?
- From what is the antibiotic melittin extracted?
- Who, according to the Bible, said 'Ecce Homo'?
- What does the soya bean product TVP stand for?
- In which year was the cricket World Cup first held?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Old Moore's Almanac; 2 CS gas; 3 Eugene Ionesco; 4 Washington DC; 5 Radio 5 Live; 6 Sinclair Lewis; 7 Cardinal Wolsey; 8 Harare; 9 Louis XVI; 10 A beetle. Niner: SINGAPORE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a cat,
gives a type of cat,
gives cat food.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Peugeot 3008 bags best family car in UK awards

The Peugeot 3008 SUV has scooped the award for the Best Family Car in the UK Car of the Year Awards 2018, the 15th award it has won in the UK since the vehicle's launch.

The multi-award winning 3008 SUV impressed the judges with its sophisticated style, premium feel and practicality.

It was also described as a class-leading car and was highly praised for its "game-changing" dashboard design which forms part of the innovative Peugeot i-Cockpit®. The technology that makes up the Peugeot i-Cockpit® offers a more intuitive and engaging driving experience, with a compact multi-function steering wheel, 12.3" head-up digital instrument display and 8.0" capacitive touchscreen with Mirror Screen® functionality comprising of Android Auto, Apple CarPlay™ and Mirror Link®.

The award means that the Peugeot 3008 SUV is automatically shortlisted for the overall UK Car of the Year award, the winner of which will be announced on February 23.

The UK Car of the Year Award was established in 2014 and is voted for by a panel of 27 leading motoring journalists.

David Peel, managing director at Peugeot UK, said: "Winning the Best Family Car in the UK Car of the Year Awards is a fantastic achievement.



The 3008 is now shortlisted for the overall UK Car of the Year

In a particularly competitive sector, the 3008 SUV proved its suitability for families with its combination of robustness and elegance.

"This award adds to the collection of over 30 international awards that the 3008 SUV has won since it went on sale in 2017. Whilst the 3008 SUV has impressed many award panels, the UK Car of the Year Awards is voted for

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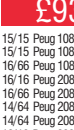
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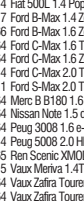
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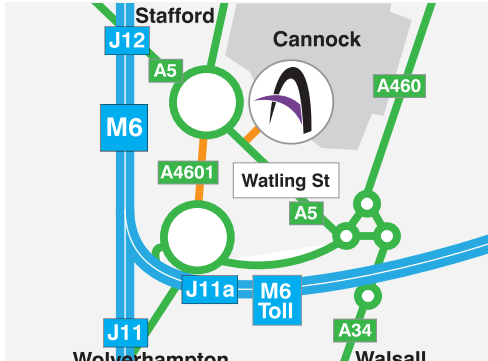
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Pricing and specifications for MG ZS

By James Parker

MG has announced pricing and specifications for its new ZS compact SUV.

Starting from £12,495, the Chinese-built model is available with zero-per cent finance and a seven-year, 80,000-mile manufacturer warranty that is transferable to any owner during the period.

Engines

Two petrol engines and gearboxes are available for the car. The entry-level motor is a 1.5-litre developing 105bhp and 141Nm of torque, paired to a five-speed manual gearbox, taking the ZS from 0-60mph in 10.4 seconds and up to a top speed of 109mph. Fuel economy is a claimed 49.6mpg with CO2 emissions of 129g/km.

The second engine is a turbocharged 1.0-litre that produces 109bhp and 160Nm of torque which, coupled with a six-speed automatic gearbox, can take the ZS from 0-60mph in 12.1 seconds and to a top speed of 112mph. As for efficiency, fuel economy is claimed at 44.9mpg with 144g/km of CO2 emissions.

Three trim levels make up the ZS range — Explore, Excite and Exclusive. Standard equipment on all trims includes LED daytime running lights, Bluetooth connectivity and cruise control.

The range-topping Exclusive model features 17-inch alloy wheels, leather-style upholstery and an eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system that includes Apple CarPlay, satellite navigation and a reverse parking camera. Exclusive models are available from £17,495.



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Styling draws inspiration from Kia's SUV models

Picanto line-up expands with the arrival of X-Line Edition

By James Parker

Following its debut at the 2017 Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA), the latest addition to the Picanto range, the all-new X-Line is now on sale. The 'X-Line' further broadens the appeal of Kia's city car, with styling that draws inspiration from the company's SUV models, including Stonic, Sportage and Sorento.

Prices start at £12,595 for the 'X-Line' equipped with the 1.25-litre petrol engine and five-speed manual gearbox, with a four-speed automatic transmission available for an additional £650. Affordability is one of the Picanto's key features, with CO2 emissions that are as low as 106g/km on the manual transmission, and a combined fuel economy figure of 61.4mpg.

The 'X-Line' variant introduces a series of rugged new design cues and is longer, wider and taller than conventional city cars, and has increased ground clearance. It makes no pretence at being a full-blown SUV – power is transmitted through the front wheels only – but has a more rugged look which will widen the audience of the all-new Picanto in a market in which the crossover is king.

Unique to the 'X-Line' model, the grille and fog lamp surrounds are finished with lime green highlights,



Twin exhaust outlets complete the muscular look

while black cladding around the side sills and wheel arches enhances the visual effect of the raised ground clearance. The exterior door handles are finished in body colour and privacy glass is fitted to the rear windows and tailgate. Completing the more muscular look are twin exhaust outlets, 16-inch alloy wheels, a shark-fin antenna and projection headlights with LED daytime running lights and fog lamps.

The splashes of colour are carried over to the interior with lime green stitching for the flat-bottomed steering wheel, gear lever gaiter and armrests. The large 7.0-inch 'floating' touchscreen features DAB radio, as well as Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ for full smartphone integration. Other equipment highlights include unique grey faux leather upholstery, a central armrest, satin chrome interior door handles and stainless-steel pedals with rubber inserts, in addition to cruise control with speed limiter, automatic air conditioning and keyless entry.

The latest Picanto is the safest A-segment car Kia has ever made, featuring an Advanced High Strength Steel body construction and six standard airbags. Active safety features are also included, such as standard-fit Vehicle Stability Management with Electronic Stability Control, to ensure stability under braking and cornering. In addition, the 'X-Line' is fitted with Autonomous Emergency Braking as standard.

Torque Vectoring is also included, and is a further aid to handling stability. Using the anti-lock brake and ESC sensors, it detects when the car is drifting off its intended course in corners and gently brakes the inside rear wheel if the front of the car is running wide, or the outer rear wheel if the rear tyres are starting to slide outwards. Hill-start Assist Control prevents the car from rolling backwards when setting off on uphill gradients.

In line with market demand, the Picanto is available exclusively with a practical five-door bodystyle and is regularly one of the top five best-selling city cars. It has class-leading cabin space, with more leg- and head-room than all other rivals in the A-segment. Boot capacity is 255 litres – the most of any car in its class – with 60:40 split-folding rear seats, which can fold flat to increase capacity to 1,010 litres.

The 'X-Line' comes equipped with a powerful and refined 83bhp 1,248cc four-cylinder, 16-valve engine developing 122Nm of torque. A five-speed manual gearbox is standard, with a four-speed automatic transmission available as an option.

In line with every Kia, the Picanto 'X-Line' comes with a warrant of seven years or 100,000 miles, including labour, subject to terms and conditions. The warranty is fully transferable to the next owner if the car is sold before the time or mileage limit expires.

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A relaxed and refined cruiser with divisive American style

By Tom Wiltshire

Ford's Vignale nameplate is a luxury sub-brand, which Ford says is a response to customer feedback. Loyal buyers of the American brand were buying more and more top-spec Titanium models, leaving them nothing higher to upgrade to when trade-in time came around.

In response, Ford's added Vignale trim across its model line-up, which acts as a range-topping trim – giving customers extra kit, improved materials, chrome detailing, and dedicated Vignale benefits.

We're testing Ford's flagship SUV – the Edge – in this glitzy Vignale spec. On the outside, the Edge Vignale gets a selection of exclusive paint colours. Once it's been painted, Ford lets its design team loose with chrome detailing – there's a massive and imposing Vignale-specific grille, glitzy chrome wheels and shiny roof rails.

Inside, the Vignale gets quilted leather seats, while Ford's covered the plastic dashboard with swathes of leather. The carpet's thicker, and even the boot is coated in deep-pile shag. Under the skin not much has changed, but there's extra soundproofing to make the Vignale a relaxed and refined cruiser.

The Edge Vignale is available with just one 2.0-litre diesel, available in two states of tune. The lesser model gets 178bhp and a six-speed manual gearbox, while



It's certainly an eye-catching car

the top brass can choose the 207bhp version mated to a six-speed auto. Our car was the latter. The engine is fairly refined, but it's definitely no speed demon.

Ford has a strong track record for making cars that handle well, and the Edge is no exception. For such a big car it's unusually good in the corners. But in standard form, the Edge is a very heavy car; the Vignale even more so – and you can definitely feel that weight working against you. The steering is accurate, but feels overassisted – a necessary evil when trying to give such a big car light steering.

Divisive, in a word. Some will love the Edge's combination of imposing American style and shiny chrome – others will find it a bit chintzy. We initially fell into the latter camp, but had to admit the car grew on us as the week drew on. It's certainly eye-catching, and if you want road presence few cars at this price are better. The big problem for most is presented in the centre of that vast front grille – the Ford badge. Unfortunately, the blue oval simply doesn't have the prestige of BMW, Audi or Mercedes, and that will affect your standing in the company car park and, more importantly, residual values.

The Edge's interior is a tale of two halves – the top of the dashboard is a great example, where swathes of premium leather meet a cheap, plasticky storage bin. There's a sense that Ford's expended effort on upgrading materials that didn't need upgrading – like the door cards – and ignored ones that should have, such as the centre console.

The standard Sync3 infotainment is a mixed bag too. It has one of the most intuitive interfaces around, but unfortunately features an ugly UI and a poor-quality screen which is recessed awkwardly into the dash.

Four adults can sit comfortably, and the vast boot has over 600 litres of space. It's also eerily silent on the motorway, thanks to lots of sound deadening. Ford throws the book at Vignale models as standard, and you won't be left wanting for much. Dynamic LED headlights, quilted and heated leather seats, a hands-free electric tailgate and digital gauge cluster all come as standard. You also get Ford's Sync3 infotainment system, with sat-nav, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

If you want a big, luxurious SUV, the Edge Vignale has a lot going for it. There's a sense that if you're already sold on the Edge, opting for the Vignale wouldn't be too big a stretch. Those who do go for it will find a spacious, relaxed SUV with a comfortably familiar badge on the bonnet.



Vignale is a range-topping trim

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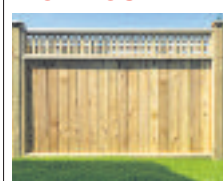
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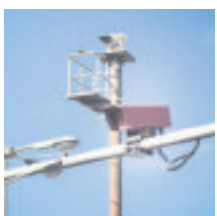
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THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

Case Officer – Claire Faulkner

Location: The White House, High Green

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PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 50 (A) CANNOCK TOWN PARISH TEMPORARY CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 18 July 2017, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath No. 50 (A) Cannock Town Council, starting from a point approximately 47 metres south west of the junction of Pebble Mill Drive and Ridings Brook Drive, for a distance of approximately 68 metres in a south easterly direction. The closure is required due to works in connection with the railway lines including installation of overhead power line equipment and renewal and realignment of the track.

A temporary diversion will be in place during the period of the closure as shown on the plan.

A plan will be displayed showing the lengths of public footpaths to be closed and unaffected rights of way in the area.

This Order came into operation on 21 July 2017 and will remain in force for a further period of six months or until the railway line works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If necessary, after six months, the Order may be extended for a further period with the approval of the Secretary of State.

John Tradewell, Director Strategy, Governance and Change, Staffordshire Place 2, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH
Enquiries: Network Rail National Helpline 03457 11 41 41

Date: 18 January 2018

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Alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site. For more information, visit: <https://roadsworks.org?tm=104342232>

The order will come into operation on 5th February 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date, taking place nightly between the hours of 21:15 and 05:15. It is intended that the works take place in two phases, on the following dates:

1. 5th February 2018 - 25th February 2018
2. 26th February 2018 - 16th March 2018

It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 16th March 2018.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the Lighting and electrical renewal on Longford Roundabout works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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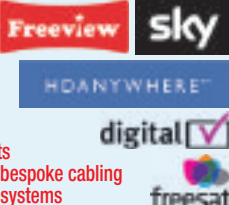


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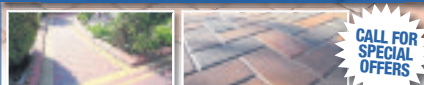
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Livermore won't face action over fan fracas

ALBION midfielder Jake Livermore will not face action from the FA after confronting a West Ham supporter who allegedly taunted him over the death of his infant son.

The 28-year-old England international has been reminded of his responsibility not to react to fans whatever the circumstances – though mainly for his own safety and that of innocent spectators.

Livermore became involved in an angry exchange with a supporter sitting just behind the away team's dugout at the London Stadium, after being substituted in the second half of the Baggies 2-1 loss to the Hammers on January 2.

Albion have claimed Livermore was provoked by a remark related to the death of his infant son, Jake Junior, in 2014.

West Ham have identified the fan and are currently investigating the matter. Having asked both clubs for their observations on the incident, the FA is understood to be happy with West Ham's handling of the case.

Right royal rumble as Duggan checks in

THE first-ever winner of the WWE Royal Rumble will be in the Black Country tomorrow night (Friday) ahead of the event's 30th anniversary.

American wrestling superstar 'Hacksaw' Jim Duggan will be in action at Darlaston Town Hall. He makes the trip across the pond to take top billing on a Pro Wrestling Live card staged by local promoter Matt Powell at the Victoria Road venue.

Duggan, from Glen Falls, New York, won the maiden Royal Rumble in 1988. He went on to become a WWE Hall of Famer and is still signed to the company on a Legends contract. The 63-year-old will dust off his wrestling boots, trusty 2 x 4 plank of wood and use his battle cries of 'Hooo' and 'USA' in the Black Country ring.

Tickets are available, with general admission £6.50, VIP ringside passes £12, a family of four, two adults and two children £22.

For more information, call 07404 279 880. Payment can be made on the doors, which open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start.

EFL Trophy on way to Wolverhampton

THE EFL Championship trophy that Wolves are currently on course to regain will be on show at a city pub next weekend.

Wolves stand top of the pile in the Championship and are on course to win the re-branded title for a second time, the last eight years ago in 2009. Fans have the chance to see the trophy early when it arrives at the George Wallis, Victoria Street, on Saturday January 27.

Competition sponsors Sky Bet are taking the trophy on a whistle-stop tour and will be in the pub's upstairs function room from 1-3pm.

Selfies and photographs with the silverware can be taken as a memento. Tables can be pre-booked, but no tickets are required and admission is free. Donations are welcome for a charity of the George Wallis' choice.

Pub mascot George the Wolf will be on hand to entertain visitors on an afternoon where Wolves are scheduled to play away.

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Regis fires home for Albion against Manchester United at Old Trafford



Regis was also a popular player at Villa and Wolves



Baggies so-called Three Degrees with the 70s musical group

RIP Big Cyrille – football legend and a gentleman

TRIBUTES have continued to pour in from fans all over the world following the death of football legend Cyrille Regis.

The 59-year-old passed away on Sunday night of a heart attack.

Born on February 9, 1958, to Robert and Mathilde Regis in French Guiana, his father moved to Britain, with Regis and the rest of his family following a year later. They initially pitched up in the Portobello Road area before later moving to Stonebridge.

A talented sportsman, Regis impressed in football, cricket and athletics at Cardinal Hinsley School (Haresden) and was called up to the Borough of Brent Boys' football team. He was offered a trial by Chelsea, but was unable to attend due to injury.

Regis trained as an electrician – a trade he continued in until becoming a professional footballer – and played Sunday League football for Ryder Brent Valley and Oxford & Kilburn Boys.

He began to bang in the goals following a move to London amateur club Molesey in 1975/76 and when he repeated the feat at Hayes the following season, Albion came calling.

Important

The 19-year-old was spotted by Baggies chief scout Ronnie Allen and a deal was reached to buy Regis for £5,000 in May 1977, with another £5,000 once he reached 20 appearances. Laurie Cunningham had joined two months earlier, Brendon Batson would sign soon after – they would become three of the most important figures in the club's history and christened The Three Degrees by boss Ron Atkinson.

Allen took over from Johnny Giles as manager and handed the striker his debut in a League Cup tie on August 31, 1977 against Rotherham – and Regis scored twice in a 4-0 win. Three days later, he was on the scoresheet in a 2-1 league victory over Middlesbrough. Regis ended that first campaign with 10 goals in 34 league games – and six more in the FA Cup as Albion finished sixth and reached the semi-final, with Atkinson having replaced Allen in January 1978. In 1978/79 Albion finished third in the First Division and reached the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Wilson

"Losing him has turned my whole world upside down. It is a void that will never be filled."

After 13 goals in 39 league appearances Regis was voted PFA Young Footballer of the Year. The Three Degrees were broken up ahead of the 1979/80 season with Cunningham sold to Real Madrid. With Regis sidelined early on, he would only net eight league goals. Albion finished 10th and exited the cups early. Fortunes improved in 1980/81 as Regis bagged 14 times in 38 league matches, lifting the Baggies to fourth and a return to the Uefa Cup. Regis' tally of 17 goals in 37 league matches was his best at Albion and he finished second in the Footballer of the Year vote behind Tottenham's Steve Perryman.

He also won the first of five England caps in a 4-0 win over Northern Ireland at Wembley, becoming the third black player to be capped by England after Viv Anderson and Cunningham.

Regis left The Hawthorns in 1984 with 112 goals in 302 games. His eight seasons in Baggies colours were followed by a further seven down the road at Coventry City, where he won the FA Cup in 1987.

Having netted 47 goals in 238 games for Coventry, Regis was reunited with Atkinson at Villa in 1991 – becoming Big Ron's first signing at Villa Park.

He netted on his debut again in a 3-2 success over Sheffield Wednesday and found the net 11 times that season as Villa finished seventh and reached the sixth round of the FA Cup. His minutes were limited the following season – particularly following the £2.3million arrival of Dean Saunders – and his only goal of the campaign would arrive in a 2-1 victory over Nottingham Forest in December 1992. With his ca-

reer winding down, he crossed the divide for the old gold and black of Wolves, later dropping through the divisions to play for Wycombe Wanderers and Chester City in Division Three before finally calling time in 1996. After his playing career ended Regis also awarded an honorary fellowship by the University of Wolverhampton in 2001 before becoming a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2008.

As well as working in a range of coaching roles, he became an accredited football agent – including for his nephew Jason Roberts – and continued charity work with wife Julia, including for WaterAid. His legacy continues to inspire footballers of all races today.

Regis leaves behind widow Julia, two children and three grandchildren. In a statement released by Albion, Julia Regis described the 59-year-old legend as her 'soulmate', a 'beautiful man' and 'a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle'.

Respected

She said: "Losing him has turned my whole world upside down. It is a void that will never be filled. He was a role model for so many because he always treated everyone he met with kindness and respect."

Albion chairman John Williams said: "Everyone will have their precious memories of him as a family man, as a crusader against bigotry – which can never be under-estimated – and as a man who threw considerable energy into a series of worthy causes."

"But for me, I will never forget Cyrille the footballer – a wonderful, wonderful player who had everything and who defenders of the time would have hated facing."

Geoff Snape, secretary of West Brom's Former Players Association said: "A legend, a word that is sometimes used too frivolously but in the case of Big C it was a word that summed him up, a really nice guy, respected by his colleagues."

Tearful Ally Robertson, a former team-mate and close friend, said: "I'm heartbroken. Cyrille is a true great. He was the ultimate gentleman. I cannot believe he has gone."

Steve Bull joined in the tributes, describing his former Wolves team-mate as "a man and a player I looked up to".

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Position is strengthened after shut-out

Willenhall 0 Burntwood 19
BURNWOOD'S position near the top of Midlands 3 West North was strengthened after a win at Willenhall and surprising home losses for their nearest promotion rivals Telford and Stafford.

Sean Latham's side remain in second place but with a game in hand over the other two challengers and it is top of the table Telford who visit The Sportsway this Saturday – kick off 2.15pm.

Despite the league standings, a win at Bognop Road is never easy. The visitors scored two tries in the first quarter but the third did not arrive until the 83rd minute and they were pleased to have kept the hosts scoreless.

The opening try came from Neil Holden, converted by Aza Dunet.

A solid tackle by Rory Newall denied the hosts the chance of a quick reply before Burntwood went further ahead on 20 minutes.

Holden's run from 22 to 22 set up the attacking platform. Willenhall infringed twice and from the second catch and drive attempt, Luke Rookyard crossed in the left corner and it was 12-0 at the interval.

Both sides tried to establish control in the ten minutes after half-time until Burntwood stepped up a gear to gain the upper hand. But the hosts remained in the hunt for much-needed league points as they look to climb up the table. With ten minutes of normal time left the next score became crucial and it came from Rookyard, converted by Dunet.

An out-of-sorts 2nd XV hosted went down 61-14 to a strong Stoke Development side in the Staffs Reserve League Division One. Russ Palmer's side are in the fixture pool for this Saturday.

Scholars ease to first win of year

Newcastle Town 0 Chasetown 3
CHASETOWN picked up their first victory of 2018 by comfortably seeing off Newcastle in Evo-Stik one South.

The Scholars drew first blood after just 10 minutes. Will Whieldon was brought down inside the penalty area and Jack Langston made amends for a penalty miss the week before by converting the spot-kick.

The visitors immediately doubled their lead as Muzzy Nduna's header came back off the crossbar and George Cater followed up to fire home from six yards. The third came in the 37th minute, as Danny Cocks motored past James Askey and fired past Adam Alcock.

Cater was denied on the stroke of half-time by a point-blank save from Alcock.

Nduna and Whieldon combined in a tight area on the hour with the former dragging a shot inches wide of the post.

Chasetown's Matt Gardner had an effort blocked in the final minute.

The Scholars are at home to Market Drayton Town on Saturday, 30pm.

Lawrie drives Pitmen towards a point

Hednesford Town 1 Coalville 1
JAMES Lawrie salvaged a point for the Pitmen in stoppage time on boss Rob Smith's 300th game in charge.

The game got off to a lively start as Lawrie saw his shot turned over the bar by Coalville goalkeeper Matthew Coton and the visitors saw Nathan Watson's 10th minute effort ruled out for offside.

It was goalless at half-time, but Hednesford had a let-off in the 58th minute when Sam Oji's

header back was short, letting in Jermaine Hollis, whose shot over keeper James Wren went wide.

Watson gave the visitors a 76th minute lead, his header nestling in the corner, and it took five saves from Wren to prevent both Watson and Hollis doubling the Coalville advantage.

And, as the game entered stoppage time the Pitmen levelled. Jordan Graham held the ball up before finding Lawrie who fired home into the bottom corner.

Hednesford are away to Warrington on Saturday

and at home to Buxton next Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Pitmen have formed a new partnership with Cannock-based FC Newlands to help provide a pathway into the semi-professional game.

The new club will be called Hednesford Town Newlands FC and will also complement the growing and successful Hednesford Town Girls FC.

There are still a number of opportunities to be involved for prospective team managers and coaching staff and all enquiries should be addressed to FC Newlands chairman Stuart Harris on 07714 459735.

Bowen just four-some in 8-1 romp

Cannock L3s 3 Uttoxeter 1
CANNOCK went 1-0 down but hit back to lead 2-1 at half-time.

Victoria Dennison netted the winner after Jade Hutchins' effort from a short corner was saved on the line.

Cannock L4s 8 Uttoxeter 1
CANNOCK'S first goal came from a superb cross by Hannah Inglis to Jemma Bowen who flicked the ball past the keeper.

Three first half goals followed from Natalie Garfield, Hannah Inglis and Bowen again.

Garfield added her second, Bowen notched her hat-trick, and after Uttoxeter pulled one back, Amelia James and Bowen again – her fourth of the day – completed the scoring.

Cannock L5s 0 Abbotsholme 2
CANNOCK put in an improved performance but went down to the league leaders.

Cannock M4s 0 Olton 5
A BARE eleven tired towards the end as Olton, who led 1-0 at the break, were able to bring on fresh legs and their pressure told.

Cannock M5s 2 Bridgnorth 4s 5
TABLE-TOPPERS Bridgnorth maintained their 100 per cent record. But Cannock made them work and took the lead through Lee Marsh.

After Bridgnorth went in front, Harry Michael restored parity. It was 3-2 at half-time but with five minutes to go, Cannock went for broke to leave them stretched at the back.

Cricket club kicks off indoor training

INDOOR training starts at Cannock Cricket Club next week. Sessions for under-9s and under-11s, school years 1-6, are on Monday from 6-7pm at King'smead Technology College, Kings Avenue, Hednesford.

Cannock Chase High School Upper Sports Hall, Calving Hall is the venue for u-12s and 14s, from 6-7.15pm and for u-15s and 16s from 7.15-8.30pm.

Sessions will run until Easter at £3.50 per session.

New senior players are welcome to train on Mondays from 8.30-10pm at Cannock Chase High. For more details, call Graham Machin on 07836 371043.

RACERS PLAN TWIN ATTACK

THE Wigleys are preparing another twin assault on this year's British Superbike series.

But despite racing side-by-side during the same races, the 22-year-old Hednesford brothers will be competing on different bikes and in different classes.

Kurt will be back in the British Supersport class following an inconsistent 2017 while Matt, who missed most of the last campaign after suffering a horror smash, looks set to move from the National Superstock 1000 class to the newly-formed British GP2 class.

This will be officially launched for the first time this year following two years of evaluation.

The prototype machines, of a similar specification to those seen at world and European championship level in the Moto2 category, have been formally accepted into the British championship.

Background

The British Supersport and British GP2 categories will race side-by-side but will be separately classified. However, there will also be a final background classification to see who is the best of the best.

Matt broke his back in a 100mph crash and fractured two vertebrae during a qualifying session for round four of the National Superstock 1000 at Knockhill, Scotland in June – but is now on the road to recovery.

Kurt, who was competing in supersport for the first time last year, having moved up from the British Superstock 600, said it had been a particularly tough year for his brother but he was hopeful of lining up on the grid with him again.

He added: "We'll be out in Spain in February for our first test days and then we'll try and get out on track as much as possible in the UK before the new championship starts."

"We're both determined to do a lot better and we're so happy our sponsors Sorrymate.com have they will be continuing their support."



Racing twins Matt, left, and Kurt at Motorcycle Live at the NEC. Picture: RBPS Photography

Honours are even in pulsating game

Coventry Copsewood 2 Heath Hayes 2

A COLD and dismal Saturday in January was blown away by a pulsating game of football which ended, fairly, with honours even.

Despite losing Regan Smith to injury in the 17th minute, Hayes took the lead as Andrew

Davis shimmied his way past two players to deliver a well placed pass into the net from just outside the box.

Copsewood responded with a penalty converted by Daniel Fraser.

Brad Rolston headed Hayes into a second half lead before Hayes keeper Mark Wiggins

suffered quite a serious head injury which led to a lengthy stoppage. He was able to continue swathed in bandages.

Jack Arrowsmith was dismissed for Hayes for a foul and from the resulting free-kick Fraser fired home his second.

Hayes travel to Paget Rangers on Saturday.

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